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# Taking Note

## Honoring deep connections

PEGGY TRABULSI '79 loved to laugh. She loved ice cream, especially from Friendly's. She loved driving her 1964 Ford Fairlane, named after singer-songwriter Jackson Browne. She had enough patience to spend her career working with autistic children. She loved the outdoors and she valued good friends.

Three of those friends — her freshman hallmates in Holden Annex — faced their twenty-fifth Wooster reunion this June without Peggy and her passions. Trabulsi died in January after battling multiple sclerosis for more than a decade. In her memory, Cindy Clark, Susan White Supernavage, and Lesley Dretar Urgo, '79s, planted a Princeton elm outside the Annex and held an informal service after their class dinner.

It was the kind of get-together Trabulsi would have loved. Gault Alumni Center was dressed with candles and flowers. Jackson Browne played on the stereo. Some forty classmates, friends, and friends of Peggy's mother, Sally Pomeroy Trabulsi '53, came from as far as Oregon. Campus Minister Linda Morgan-Clement led a non-denominational service filled with poems, music, and a few prayers. Especially touching, Urgo says, was seeing Vivian Holliday (classics, emerita), Trabulsi's freshman adviser thirty years ago, attend the event.

During the service, Urgo noted the irony of choosing an elm. The new strains of elms have been bred to be disease resistant and long-lived — unlike Trabulsi. In 1992, just before her wedding to Steve Accrino, Trabulsi was diagnosed with an aggressive form of MS. The Annex friends, who had been in each other's weddings and enjoyed weekends away, met as a foursome for the last time in 1999, after Trabulsi slipped into a final coma. Her short life taught her friends how valuable their time together is — "she gave us that," Urgo says.

Urgo encourages alumni to consider planting a tree on campus in memory of a classmate or family member. Everything about the experience was positive, she says, from choosing the tree with groundskeeper Mark Niemczyk to planning the service with Sharon Coursey Rice '90, assistant alumni relations director. Despite the busy weekend, Trabulsi's friends felt as if their event was the staff's only responsibility.

That same weekend, Class of 1954 alumni planted two cypress trees above the Lowry Center waterfall, a tribute to the large number of classmates who married a fellow alum (page 10). The coincidence doesn't surprise Urgo. The College sows the seeds for such deep connections and helps them to grow strong over the years, she says. "It remains a nurturing place."

— Lisa Watts, editor



*Trabulsi, circa 1980*



Years may come and go, here's one thing I know —  
all my life, you're a friend of mine.

— JACKSON BROWNE



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# Mailbox

## VALUING INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

How nice to see so much of the winter magazine devoted to international students and highlighting the school's exceptional devotion to easing the transitions faced by these young people.

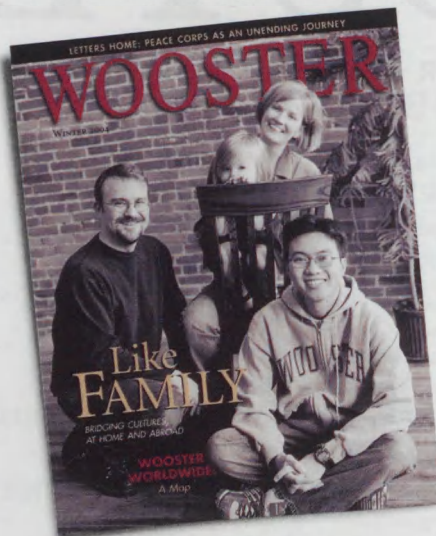
Congratulations to Karen Edwards on a good article ("Complicating the Journey"). She brought up some points many people never think about when determining new procedures. This unfortunate time has led to many changes worldwide.

My experience of living outside the United States while our country was at war gave me the opportunity to realize the importance of diplomacy and to have my faith strengthened by being treated so honestly for myself, regardless of politics. I believe this notion has begun at a small college in the heart of Ohio. Let's hope it spreads outward like a water drop in a pool.

PAT FISHER  
Morristown, New Jersey

Like Ms. Rice '33 (Letters, Spring 2004), I thoroughly devour *Wooster* each time an issue arrives in my mailbox. Unlike Ms. Rice, I love to see and hear about the current goings-on at the College — it keeps me young.

I am disheartened, though, by the caustic tone of Jim Abbott's letter. While



Mr. Abbott '91 is allowed his point of view (our heritage from British parliamentary procedure), I am disturbed by his sour approach. No one at Wooster, amongst all my fine professors and Dr. Lowry, taught us to close our minds and become polarized.

Instead, we were encouraged to stretch our intellectual capacities. Mr. Abbott's myopic analysis strikes me as awry in his belief that increased "border protection" can save us from another terrorist attack. Terrorists know that they can not sneak in disguised as Wooster students. The terrorists can simply become more enterprising — perhaps by hiring American thugs or criminals to carry out their dirty work, or by lobbing a bio-chemical bomb at the U.S. from, say, Cuba.

Insularity is simply not the answer to our foreign policy problems. Poet John Donne says, "No man is an island, entire of itself.... never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

In his book, *The Choice: Global Domination or Global Leadership?* (Basic Books, 2004), Zbigniew Brzezinski suggests a theory, unsettling to Christian ethics, that the only way to deal with terrorists whose minds have been permanently warped by their own rhetoric is

to "eliminate" them.

But Brzezinski offers hope for how to deal with the upcoming generation of young, disaffected Muslims. We can create a workable strategy, but not by exiling dissenters, as Mr. Abbott wants to do, to Canada. Perhaps we can recall that "America — love it or leave it" was a theme shouted at dissidents during the Vietnam War, which we now know was wrong.

I am concerned about what makes Mr. Abbott so unhappy, so closed to the idea that we are all one. He is too young to be cynical and frightened. Further, he is a graduate of a prestigious liberal arts institution. Wooster gave us far better than alienation. Every time I think of Dr. Lowry's insights or Dr. Lean's reading of *A Christmas Carol* ("God bless us everyone"), I am grateful for the flowering I experienced in the castle of knowledge.

JANICE KAZMAIER KELLY '61  
Kent, Ohio

As a former student whose college experience was greatly enhanced by enjoying classes, activities, and friendships with several classmates in the Wooster international community, I hope that the current challenges troubling international students will pass quickly. Reading "Complicating the Journey," I fear that international students and Americans alike are losing priceless opportunities to promote greater cultural understanding due to government restrictions and requirements.

Before attending Wooster, places like Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Somalia had two meanings for me... I knew they were all far away, and that each was the correct answer for some question I had on a seventh-grade geography map test. However, my Wooster experience made these places and many others real to me through the friends with whom I shared four years. How fortunate that

## tell us about it

We welcome your thoughts on the magazine's contents. Send letters to Lisa Watts, editor, *Wooster*, Ebert Art Center, The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691; or [lwatts@wooster.edu](mailto:lwatts@wooster.edu). Letters may be edited for clarity and length. Include a phone number for verification.



my world view was not nurtured in college simply by people from the far corners of Ohio!

STEVE WHEELER '96  
Westlake, Ohio

## HOST FAMILIES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for "Like Family," the piece on host families (Winter 2004). We finally have a celebration of the people who can and do truly make a difference in the lives of so many international students like myself! I was so lucky to have Nancy, Chuck, Becca, Brian, and Jane Turner as my host family through Wooster. I'm happy to report that we are still in close touch today!

LISA VAZ '02  
Bombay, India

## LOSS OF TEACHER, FRIEND

It was very sad to learn of Dr. Reinheimer's death (Obituaries, Spring 2004). JDR was a terrific Independent Study adviser as we labored to unravel some of the complexities of the Gringnard Reaction. More importantly, he was an exceptional mentor and friend. Long treks to his office in the upper reaches of Severance Hall were rewarded with memorable conversations ranging from the merits or demerits of swing balances to UCLA basketball.

In the spring of 1951, in concert with two of my roommates, I decided that it was my duty to join the armed forces in the Korean conflict. JDR learned of this plan and marched over to the units — located between Kenarden and Douglas Halls — to advise us of our misconceptions. He reviewed his experience in the U.S. Navy in World War II and emphasized the importance of education in effectively serving one's country. (JDR was the only faculty member, by the way, to venture to the units during our nine-month sojourn there.)

As my instructor in quantitative analysis, JDR transformed a deadly boring



### Dangling Cupola

Among other buildings and grounds projects this summer, workers temporarily removed Scovel Hall's cupola while repairing the roof.

Matt Dilyard photo



ing subject into an interesting experience replete with pearls of wisdom encased in his well-known "nutshell."

JDR was my prime source of letters of recommendation for medical school. My return visits to the College were highlighted by lunch with him. There I would learn much that failed to make it into *Wooster* — the strengths and weaknesses of the chemistry department, College administrators, the basketball and track teams, the medical community in Wooster, etc. I treasured those visits with JDR. Even in retirement, he was my conduit to the campus. Future visits will be considerably less rewarding.

ROBERT E. ANDERSON '53  
Carbondale, Colorado

## KAUKE CHALLENGES

The article about Kauke Hall ("If These Walls Could Talk," Spring 2004) and its mention of pranks reminded me of my truly fondest memories of Wooster. My "band," Missing Dog Head, performed there late at night to crowds of inebriated fellow students. We kept Campus Security on its toes, but Kauke's central location and its abundant electrical outlets practically screamed that we use it this way.

MARK MATIENZO '01  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

## FINE LEARNING PROGRAM

The redesign (Spring 2004) brings new life into what had gotten routine. I was impressed by "Empowering Learners," an outstanding discussion of still misunderstood issues. How fine that Wooster has such a program. How well the story is told! I will be using it as I work with candidates for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) who have not had such caring support, as well as with the Committees on Preparation for Ministry, to inform them about the issues.

BILL CHAPMAN '55  
Hillsdale, New Jersey

## DID YOU MOVE HOUSE?

I was born (literally) in what is now Lilly House. I was pleased to see the picture of the renovation (Oak Grove, Winter 2004). My parents, Donald E. and Martha Hamilton Dickason, '21s, lived in the house from about 1929 to 1942. Many Dickason family members attended Wooster. But I thought the address was 1453 Beall. Did the numbers change?

DONALD G. DICKASON  
Princeton, New Jersey

*Our error. Your former home stands at 1452 Beall. Joyce Howard, Lilly Project assistant, notes that your grandparents owned the house across the street, 1473 Beall. The College restored both homes. Howard invites you — and all alumni — to tour the houses if you're in town. — Ed.*



## 'Souls on paper': Coaching young writers

TO A LARGE EXTENT, schools have been spinning their wheels when it comes to cultivating young writers. Many schools underestimate the skills and imagination of our children and instead saddle them with tedious exercises. Even sadder is the pressure put on teachers to focus their lesson plans on preparation for proficiency tests. That class time could be used to present more stimulating and thought-provoking material.

You have to get students excited about reading and writing. As a teacher, I knew I was on the right track when my students finally stopped falling asleep in class. When you tell students they have to do something, it is awfully hard to get them motivated. But when you show them how wonderfully powerful reading and writing can be in bringing them in touch with themselves and the world in which they live, then you have turned the corner.

If we give students an opportunity to write about issues that are important to them, they will quickly learn that writing is not about sentences and paragraphs but rather about self-discovery.

Gifted writers possess many attributes, not the least of which are creativity, ingenuity, imagination, and honesty.

"I PRESSED MYSELF into the corner of the cage, but the tall man reached out a hand and grabbed me by the scruff of the neck. I growled viciously, but he only smiled and snapped a leash onto my unbreakable metal collar. He jerked at the leash and pulled me out into the center aisle. I brightened. Maybe he was taking me outside at last."

— from "The Door,"  
Emily Mack, grade 7

Other factors that set young writers apart are courage and the willingness to take risks and write about sensitive or painful issues in their lives. It's important that writers are able to ignite the readers' interest and make them really want to listen and appreciate what you have to say. The writer must decide how to create something memorable for the reader.

I am a proponent of treating grammar as a science. I believe in identifying and targeting students who need additional help with grammar skills and separating them from those who show promise as writers. If we force students to study rules of grammar and parts of speech over and over again, we risk

Lorraine Margitan Merrill '54 is a former high school English teacher who has also enjoyed success as a free-lance writer and newspaper columnist. In 1986, she founded Power of the Pen, a writing program designed to encourage creative expression in middle-school students. A U.S.



Department of Education Christa McAuliffe grant in 1988 allowed Merrill to expand the program statewide. Since 2000, the College

has hosted the state championship, bringing some 800 finalists, teacher-coaches, and parents to campus (see excerpts from two 2004 winners, right and left).

In addition to founding and administering the Power of the Pen program, Merrill developed the Cleveland Radio Reading Service for the blind and a national read-a-thon program for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

See [www.powerofthepen.org](http://www.powerofthepen.org).

"MY NAME IS Lewis Madison. I'm 79 years old, and I have nightmares routinely. I play golf at a country club with other seniors. I peel potatoes on my rocker on the front porch. The same hands that peel those potatoes pulled the trigger of a rifle that spat bullets into more than a dozen German boys."


— from "Casualty of War,"  
Justin McAfee, grade 8

alienating both the remedial and gifted writers. In Power of the Pen, we make the assumption that these skills are reasonably well developed. At the same time, we don't want a preoccupation with the rules of grammar to inhibit creativity.

Reading is the most essential ingredient to successful writing. We need a more robust list of required reading for our students. Another thing we have learned from Power of the Pen is that the more we challenge our students, the more likely they are to push themselves to improve their writing skills.

Power of the Pen helps students discover that language has all types of dimensions in life. We place a heavy emphasis on syntax, or the melody of words. We also encourage students to develop style and voice in their writing.

Perhaps the greatest strength of Power of the Pen is the opportunity it provides for students to open up about themselves and about life. We have seen students address such issues as divorce, depression, addiction, peer pressure, diversity, and discrimination with incredible candor and honesty.

A former participant once described the process as "putting your soul on paper." 



# Oak Grove

## GRADUATES OUTLAST STORM THREAT

*Wooster students encouraged to stand up for liberal arts education*

Against a backdrop of ominous clouds, lightning flashes, and intermittent rumbles of thunder, 355 undergraduates received their degrees in the Oak Grove on May 10.

Valedictorians Thomas Spears and Megan Potts spoke on Wooster's diversity. "We are all facets of a gem," said Spears. "We all contribute to its beauty." Potts took time to recognize and thank her international classmates, "one of Wooster's greatest but least appreciated strengths," she said. "I am a better person for getting to know these students from different parts of the world."

Speaker Robert Weisbuch, distinguished English scholar and president of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, advised students not to take their liberal arts education for granted in his keynote address, titled "Wooster Graduates Take Over America: A 21st Century Renaissance."

EYEING THE FUTURE: Rita Kirkpatrick '04 of Templeton, California



"If you believe in the kind of education you have been experiencing, make some noise," he said. "Don't take it for granted. Fight for it as you would fight for your deepest political conviction, for in truth that is what it should be."

"Believing in more than one idea is the very essence of American arts and science education," Weisbuch added.

"Everything we do in education rests on this conviction, that you must think beyond yourself. It is not the knowledge you have achieved but your continuing enquiry that we are honoring today, not your learning but your preparedness to learn." (See [www.wooster.edu/news/0304/WeisbuchCommencement.php](http://www.wooster.edu/news/0304/WeisbuchCommencement.php) for the full text).

Earning honorary degrees were Claudia Bernardi, an artist who received a doctor of fine arts degree; Grace Lee Boggs, a civil rights activist and writer who was awarded a doctor of humane letters degree; and Norman Christensen Jr., an ecological scientist who was presented with a doctor of science degree.

Class of 2004 award winners included Spears, who won the Jonas O. Notestein Prize for the highest grade point average; Joseph Hall, who received the Dan F. Lockhart Outstanding Senior Award; and Kayla Heising, Daniel George, Christina Shadle, and Ryan Snyder, who received the William A. Galpin Award for general excellence.

By the time all the graduates had received their diplomas, the skies had cleared, leaving a bright spring day for celebrations on campus.

### ANOTHER COMMENCEMENT

Pomona College gave President R. Stanton Hales an honorary doctor of science degree this spring. A 1964 alumnus, Hales also served Pomona for twenty-three years as a mathematics professor and associate dean. Honored along with Hales, above left, were Andrea Van de Kamp, senior vice president for Sotheby's auction house, and veteran television newsman Walter Cronkite.





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## ONE FOR THE RECORDS

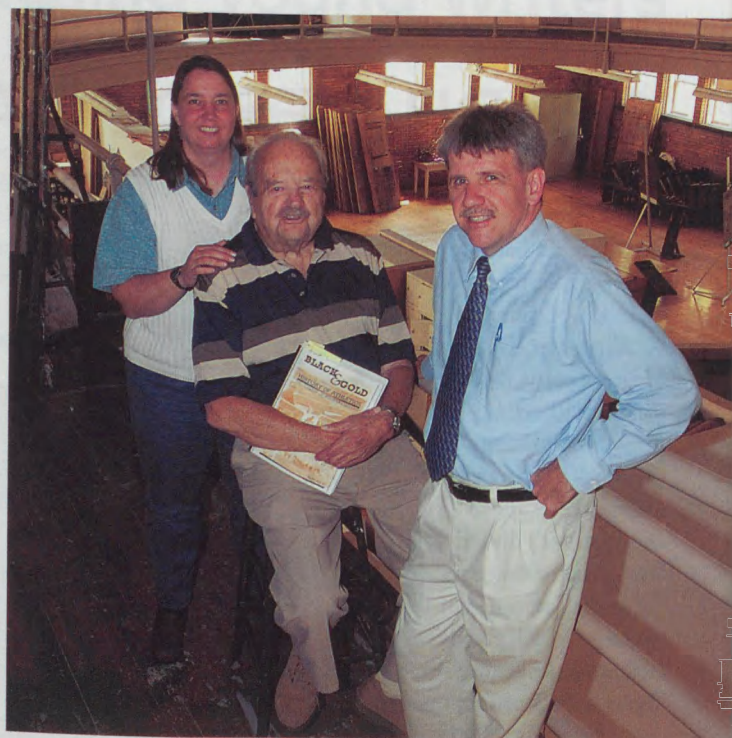
Few alumni bleed more black and gold than Ed Arn '31. After almost twenty years of diligent research and correspondence, the ardent Scots fan (and one-time alumni director) has produced *Black and Gold: The History of College of Wooster Athletics, 1870 - 1945*, a two-inch thick volume of records and commentary.

In 1996, after hearing about Arn's work-in-progress, Nora Land Murphy '86 offered to start typing it into a computer. Murphy, then president of the "W" Association sports boosters, was nervous that Arn's hand-typed work with handwritten notes might get lost. The full-time controller of a Cleveland-area business, Murphy had little idea of the project's scope: seventy-five years of line-ups, statistics, and game highlights. "Nora kept prodding me, so I decided to make something of it," Arn says.

Murphy served as de-facto editor, convincing Arn to cut 1,400 pages with footnotes down to 1,016 pages. John Finn, long-time Wooster sports information director and current director of public information, stepped in to help type the last few chapters and write a foreword.

Arn undertook the project with an archivist's mindset — the hefty work isn't intended for distribution.

"Ed sets the events in history, gives them context," Murphy says. "We have a rich history in the development of athletics." Keeping pace with national developments, from the early days of football to the introduction of sports like tennis and the growth of women's athletics, "Wooster was right there." — L.W.



Matt Dilyard photos

Nora Murphy, Ed Arn, and John Finn in Ebert Art, formerly Severance Gym, where Arn once cheered Scots hoopsters.

## Living the Liberal Arts: Figges Become Emeriti



### OFFICIALLY, DICK AND SUSAN

Figge stepped down this summer from some thirty years of teaching, research, community service, administrative work, and overseas travel with students. The two German professors' plans for retirement? Well, teaching and research.

"I'm not sure I could ever give up teaching completely," admits Dick, who occasionally will teach First-Year Seminar.

Susan is continuing her research with Jenifer Ward, chair of modern languages at Gustavus Adolphus College, on film adaptations of major post-war German novels. She will team-teach an art history course next spring.

The couple also plan to travel more. "We'd love to drive around the country to see all the friends we haven't seen in years," Susan says. "It's called traveling on the sponge plan,"

Dick quips.

Dick's favorite sideline at the College was acting. "No one ever questioned what business a German professor had acting in theatre department plays," he says. He plans to take his one-man show, *Barrymore's Ghost*, on the road more often and donate the proceeds to Habitat for Humanity.

Along with teaching, Susan served as dean of the faculty from 1993 to 1999. The appreciation of former students "has to be the major satisfaction" of her work, she says. Dick agrees. "I know there's a ripple there, even if I don't know where it stops."

"The Figges represent the very best of a balanced faculty life," says President Stan Hales, "including excellent teaching, active scholarship and research, and service beyond compare to this institution." — L.W.



## MY CAMPUS JOB NICK RADABAUGH '04

**MAJOR:** Biology

**HOME:** Mentor, Ohio

**JOB:** Maintaining the Mateer greenhouse

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:** I worked a little bit in a flower shop and greenhouse, but I really didn't have experience. I'm not a plant person — I think the plants did all the work.

**FAVORITE TIME:** Spring, when the flowers bloomed.

**WHAT I DID:** I came in three or four times a week, usually after my classes and lunch, to water the plants and sweep up. It was better to get the plants watered before they got too hot in the afternoons.



**BIGGEST CHALLENGE:** When the tornado in November tore a couple holes in the ceiling and a few plants died because of the cold.

**WHERE HE'S HEADED:** Graduate work at South Dakota State University in fisheries and wildlife.

## KUDOS...

### • CHRISTINA SHADLE '04

was one of ten students statewide to receive the Charles J. Ping Award from Ohio Campus Compact for her community service. Shadle has tutored young mothers pursuing their high school equivalency degrees, worked with at-risk students at the Wooster Community Youth Center, and served as co-facilitator for Pueblo de Esperanza, a student group focused on social justice issues in Latin America. As the group's liaison with the Immigrant Worker Project, she recruited and trained more than 25 college students to serve as tutors.

### • THREE WOOSTER

**SCIENTISTS** were awarded a three-year, \$320,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study an enzyme involved in muscle function. Mark Snider (chemistry), Paul Edmiston (chemistry), and Dean Fraga (biology) are working on three interlinked projects designed to answer fundamental questions about the enzyme, which uses the protein creatine kinase to provide short, sudden bursts of energy often required in muscles. "This work provides a perfect context for engaging in collaborative research and a wonderful forum for teaching students basic scientific skills," says Fraga.

## GRANT AIDS SCIENCE OUTREACH

### \$800,000 adds neurobiology position, resources

An \$800,000 grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) will enable the College to broaden science outreach, create a faculty position in neurobiology, and enhance summer research opportunities for students.

A science resource center for area elementary science teachers "is particularly attractive," says Judy Amburgey-Peters (chemistry), grant coordinator. "Teachers, especially at the elementary level, are feeling a bit overwhelmed by the state's revised science standards."

**"The resource center will serve as a central point for teachers and give them access to several modules to present different science topics."**

**— JUDY AMBURGEY-PETERS**

The HHMI grant also will provide for summer workshops in which Wooster faculty members work with area teachers to demonstrate the modules and explain the subject matter in detail. Wooster students will be available to assist with on-site presentations.

The faculty position in neurobiology gives students more opportunities to design their

own majors. "Several of our students have expressed an interest in neuroscience," says Amburgey-Peters. Summer research will be enhanced by the HHMI grant through a collaborative with the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and the Wooster Clinic. "We have had a long and very productive relationship with OARDC, but our association with the Wooster Clinic is new," says Amburgey-Peters. — J.F.



# Oak Grove



Jill and Ken Shafer at home in Wooster:  
"We liked the idea that Kauke was going to be restored, not replaced."

## PRESERVING HISTORY

"The College has a history that kind of gets in your blood," says Jill Henley Shafer '76. Jill and her husband, Dr. Ken Shafer '75, are helping to preserve that history with a major gift toward Kauke Hall's renovation.

Jill came to Wooster to study voice with Karl Trump and prepare to teach music, Ken to study chemistry and prepare for medical school.

"The chemistry department was like one big family," Ken recalls. "The faculty were excellent teachers and warm individuals who took a personal interest in students."

Jill remembers being challenged to be her best by faculty members like Marshall Haddock (music). She and Ken sang in the chorus and concert choir.

Following graduation, the two went separate ways. After medical school, an internship, residency, and fellowship in St. Louis, Ken opened a cardiology practice in West Plains, Missouri. Jill earned a master's degree from the University of Akron while teaching music in the Orrville schools. In 1998 the two married and Jill taught in West Plains.

When Ken got an opportunity to join the Cleveland Clinic Heart Center in 2002, the Shafers felt Wooster call them home. They bought a house on College Avenue; Jill took a music position with the Wooster schools.

Returning to Wooster means a chance to get more involved in the life of the College. The couple walks to concerts, plays, and football games. They joined the Wayne County leadership group for Independent Minds: The Campaign for Wooster. And they made a major gift to the Kauke project in honor of Ken's grandparents, three of whom were Wooster graduates and all of whom were involved in Presbyterian ministry. Two religious studies faculty offices will be named in their memory.

"Giving to Wooster has been in our plans for a long time," Ken says. "Rather than wait until we didn't need the money anymore, we recognized that Wooster needs it now."

"Supporting Wooster ensures that the opportunity is there for the next generation of students. We want them to have as good an experience as we had." — John Hopkins

**Independent Minds**  
the Campaign for Wooster



## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

### KAUKE CHALLENGE PASSES HALFWAY POINT

With less than nine months to go, the College has raised \$4.5 million toward the Walton Family Foundation's \$8 million Kauke Challenge. The total raised to date for the \$18 million renovation of Kauke Hall is \$9 million.

The latest boost to the Kauke effort includes a \$250,000 grant from the Frost-Parker Foundation of Sandusky, Ohio, and a six-figure gift from a College Trustee. In June, the Class of 1954 announced that \$224,000 of its \$800,000 reunion gift would go toward Kauke. The Walton gift will match dollar-for-dollar all cash gifts and short-

term written pledges received before March 1, 2005.

In 1902, the Wooster and Wayne County community played a pivotal role in helping the college rebuild after a fire destroyed Old Main. Led by 15 citizens, they raised \$40,000 toward Andrew Carnegie's \$100,000 challenge grant. Today, Trustee Richard Seaman, president and CEO of Seaman Corporation, and Gregory Long of Long, Cook and Samsa, Inc., father of Matt Long '05, are co-chairing the local campaign effort. The Kauke project is the group's first priority.





# Alumni News

## Alumni Weekend reunites old friends



AROUND 1,300 ALUMNI and family members returned to campus in June to renew old friendships and celebrate their connections to Wooster and one another.

Alumni Weekend featured the 120th annual meeting of the alumni association, presided over for the last time by outgoing president Susan Stranahan '68. John and Sue Reed Wakeley, '54s, chairs of the Fiftieth Anniversary Fund Committee, presented President R. Stanton Hales with a reunion gift of \$801,552.56 on behalf of their class. Of that gift, \$224,000 will go toward the renovation of Kauke Hall. The remainder will endow a Class of 1954 scholarship fund.

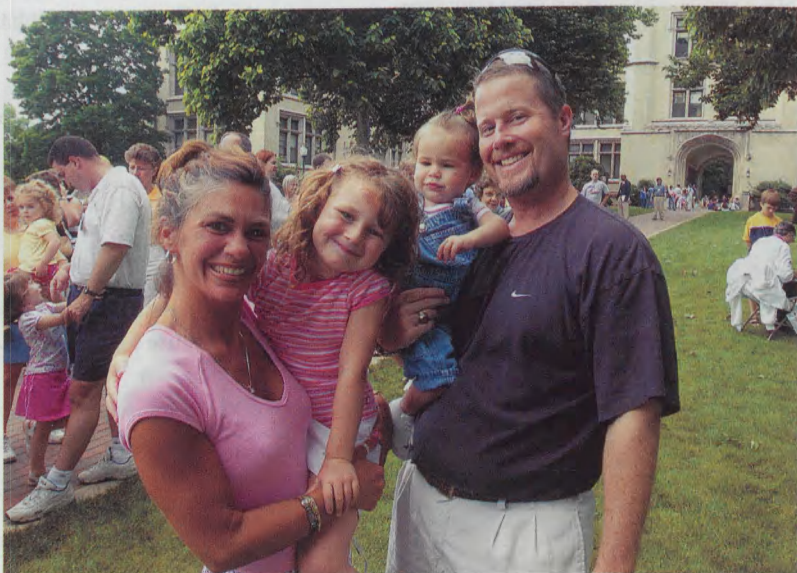
The meeting was also a time to bestow awards. Thirty-year class secretary Nona Williston Taylor '53 accepted the John D. McKee Volunteer Award with delight and recounted some of her more unusual methods of collecting class notes.

Abdul Rashid '94 and Timeka Thomas Rashid '99, both instrumental in reviving the Black Alumni Association, were named the Outstanding Young Alumni of the Year.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Distinguished Alumni Awards were presented to Scott Behoteguy '39, W. Lee Culp '41, and John E. Smeltz '44.

Lara Michelle de Courtivron '92 accepted the award on behalf of Behoteguy, her grandfather, who could not be present. Scott Behoteguy, who earned his degree in English, has said he "majored in Howard Lowry. If he'd been teaching Sanskrit, I'd have majored in Sanskrit." After Wooster, Behoteguy earned an M.B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. He joined the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1942 and served in both the South Pacific and Washington, D.C. In 1945 he was assigned to a temporary State Department agency to dispose of surplus war



Matt Dillyard photos

**VISITS ON THE MALL:** Class of '44 members Margaret Gibbons Lake, Lorraine Schwartz Sachse, Phyllis Johnson Havener, and Jean Fisher Eberly take a moment to catch up with each other, top. Below, Nancy and Dave Knowlton '89 and their daughters, Julia and Lydia, make Alumni Weekend a family affair.



# Alumni News

materiel around the world. Transferred to Paris in the fall of 1946, Behoteguy joined the Economic Cooperation Administration, one of the agencies overseeing the implementation of the Marshall Plan.

Over the next twenty years Behoteguy ran aid programs in Cameroon, Turkey, Tunisia, and Haiti for the U.S. Agency for International Development. In 1977 he retired to Sarasota, Florida, where he became involved in a



Scott Behoteguy '39

fledgling program called the Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning. Typically, he threw himself whole-heartedly into finding speakers and spent the next twenty-five years bringing former State Department colleagues to address topics

of the day. For his efforts, he received the American Foreign Service Association's first National Alumni Service Award in January 2003.

"Sometimes I think I'm a missionary, not of the cloth, but of public service and foreign service," Behoteguy says. "I picked that up at Wooster and never lost it."

## CULP: CAREER OF SERVICE

Lee Culp entered the U.S. Marine Corps straight out of college in 1941 as a second lieutenant. He earned both the Silver and Bronze Stars as a communications officer on Guadalcanal and Okinawa and rose to the rank of major by war's end. (Between tours of duty, he married Kathryn Smith '42.)



Lee Culp '41



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**LOVE PLANTED AT WOOSTER:** Members of the Class of 1954 planted two weeping cypress trees outside Lowry Center during their fiftieth reunion. The trees, groomed to grow together, honor the large number of classmates — more than a quarter of the class — who married fellow Wooster alumni. Pictured are: (front) Natalie and Robert Beidler; (back) Gary and Corinne Wilson, Ross and Cinny Gooch, Russ Tillotson, Ruth and Jim Ewers, Sue Wakeley, Tom Wise, and Jack Wakeley. (Read about another tree planting during Alumni Weekend in "Taking Note," inside cover.)

Recalled to active duty in 1952, he served another fourteen months during the Korean War and returned home a lieutenant colonel.

Culp served the College as director of admissions from 1947 to 1955, alumni trustee from 1958 to 1964, director of development from 1963 to 1969, and registrar from 1969 to 1985. Asked which of his jobs at Wooster he liked best, he answers without hesitation: "Registrar, because I got to see more students."

## SMELTZ ACTIVE IN LAW

The war accelerated John Smeltz's life. By taking courses during the summer, he accumulated enough credits to graduate with a B.A. in political science in May 1943, a year early, then enlisted in the army. As a sergeant with the 69th Infantry Division in Europe, he won a Bronze Star for leading his company safely through a minefield.

After the war, Smeltz earned a law degree from Western Reserve University, married Barbara Spencer, settled in





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# GATHERINGS

More than 50 alumni, parents, and friends enjoyed an afternoon in April at the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute Museum, where the United States' largest collection of Iraqi antiquities is housed. Following a lecture and discussion with Dr. Irving Birkner, coordinator for Middle Eastern Affairs at the University's Center for International Studies, Sam Sisodia '77 hosted a reception at his home. Discussion about Iraq's history and current events continued into the evening. Thanks to Sam, Nancy Sutherland '67, and Lydia Murray '93 for planning this educational experience.

A sold-out crowd of New York City young alumni were studio audience guests for a live taping of "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart in June. After Jon and special guest Mario Cuomo wrapped production, the alumni gathered for a post-party at O'Flaherty's Ale House. Thanks to Peter Dancy '86 for the stellar idea and to Ian O'Brien-Rupert '03 for arranging the post-party.



Allison Kegley '02, Albie Mitchell '00, Alan Chewning '03, and Catherine Dwyer '03 enjoyed baseball and pizza in Boston.

It's one, two, three strikes, and the Toronto Blue Jays were out! A sold-out Beantown crowd of 50 young alumni, Classes of 1988-2003, enjoyed lunch at Canestaro's Restaurant & Pizzeria before heading to Fenway Park. Thanks to Ryan Baxter '94 and Alan Chewning '03 for organizing this home-run event.

## save the dates

- Sept. 18: Scots in Service
  - Oct. 22 - 24: Homecoming
- See <http://alumni.wooster.edu>

President Stan Hales and Sara Patton, vice president for development, gave presentations on Independent Minds: The Campaign for Wooster at three sites this spring:

- More than 70 Bay Area alumni and friends met for a reception at Hang Gallery in San Francisco in May. Campaign Chair Jim Clarke '59 joined Hales and Patton. Thanks to Phil Hunter '72, Annie Longworth '92, and Joan Blanchard Mosher '78 for putting the event together.

- Alumni, parents, friends and students around Columbus met at Muirfield Country Club in May. Stan Gault '48, honorary campaign chair, also attended. Thanks to Bill Evans '60 and Jim Bartha '74 for their help organizing the event.



Ryan Burgess '93 and Stan Gault '48, both former presidents of Seventh Section, met at the Columbus gathering.

- Some 150 Cincinnati, northern Kentucky, and Dayton area alumni and friends met at the Newport Aquarium in June during the opening week of the Asian birds and otter expansion for a tour of the museum and the campaign presentation. Trustee Chair Jim Wilson '63 joined Hales and Patton. Thanks to Sarah Mortensen Patton '84, Kim Patton '85, and GBBN Architects.

Shaker Heights, and joined the Cleveland law firm that today bears the name Schneider, Smeltz, Ranney & LaFond.



John Smeltz '43

"When I joined the firm, I was the fourth person and the only non-partner, so for a long time I did everything" — including a

fair amount of litigation. Today, his practice focuses on probate.

Smeltz served ten years as a city councilman in Shaker Heights and as a board president of the Visiting Nurse Association, the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, and Heights Christian Church. His service to Wooster is equally extensive: He was an alumni trustee from 1967 to 1973, member of the board from 1982 to 1994, and emeritus life member of the board since 1994. Both Smeltz children are Wooster alumni — John '72 and Janet '77. — John Hopkins



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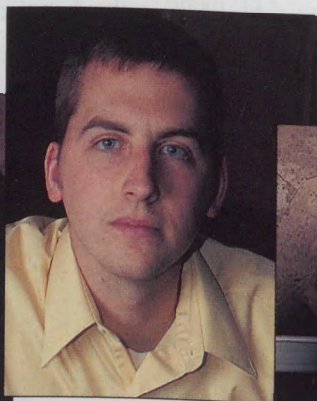
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# Skim the List



## SHORTEST TITLE

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## LONGEST TITLE

"I'm NOT Paying For THAT! State Budget Deficits, Tax Structures, and Political Aspirations; or It's Not Over Until the Legislature Sings and It's Not Over Until the Last Penny Is Spent; or The Self-Interested Behavior of State Politicians—What Does It Cost?; or Why Is There No Continuity Between the Economic and Political Business Cycles?; or How Many Elections Will It Take to Close a Multi-Billion Dollar State Budget Gap?; or It All Adds Up: Elections Plus Economic Well-Being Equals State Budget Gaps?; or How Should States Build an Umbrella of Revenue to Shield the Economic and Political Effects of A Rainy Day?; or Cha-Ching! The State Politics of Budget Cuts, Spending, and Keeping a Job; or Residents or Politicians: Who REALLY "Foots the Bill" for State Budget Gaps?; or A Tale of Fifty States: Politics, Economics, and Why You Should Care; or Cash, Money...Cash-Money-State Politics; or What Happens When Your State Budget Is as Tight as A College Kid's Bank Account? Reflections on the Interaction of Economic and Political Factors on State Budget Gaps; or Show Me the Money: An Empirical Analysis of the Economic and Political Factors that Affect State Budget Gaps; or Things That Make You Go Mmm...State Tax Cuts in the Good Times and Tax Increases in Poor Times; or The Governor: How Do State Debt, Political Elections, and the Citizen Interact in State Finances; or

## WHY TOOTSIE ROLLS

**AS COLLEGE REGISTRAR** in the seventies and eighties, Lee Culp '41 decided students should receive something a bit more celebratory than just a receipt for turning in their I.S. So he began handing out a piece of candy to each senior. One year, the women in the office found a good price on Tootsie Rolls in bulk. "The ladies should get all the credit" for this tradition, says Culp (more on him, page 9).

"A Penny Saved Is a Penny..." How Many Dollars (and Elections) Will It Take to Restore State Fiscal Responsibility?; or Fifty Thrifty United States: What Happens When Economic Well-Being and Political Self-Interest "Clash" in the State Fiscal Decision-Making Process?," *Laura Elizabeth Husarek, economics/business economics*

## SAY WHAT?!

"Characterizations of *Arabidopsis thaliana* Mutants pen-1 and pen-2, Compared to Wild-type Control Col-0, Upon Infection by Zoospores from Oomycete Plant Pathogens *Phytophthora infestans*, *Phytophthora capsici*, and

*Phytophthora palmivora* through Cellular Microscopy Analysis and Examination of Expression Patterns of Defense Related Gene," *Colleen Ryan Brooks, biology*

## TITLES THAT INTRIGUE US

"Does Altruism Transcend Socioeconomic Class? An Empirical Study Comparing the Charitable Contributions of Professional Athletes and the Average American Household," *Gabrielle Caldwell, business economics*

"The Rubik's Cube: 43,252,003,274,-489,856,000 Reasons Why It's Good to Know Group Theory," *Kyle John Kindbom, mathematics*

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## IMAGINE THE RESEARCH

"Influence of Depth on the Variation of Microbial Communities in a Sawdust and Dairy Manure Compost Heap Over the Course of 46 Days," *Brian Dudley, biochemistry and molecular biology*



# WHEN THE Amish MAKE CHOICES

Kate Matthews found herself weaving along winding rural roads this year, gathering data on the teenage years of Ohio's Amish. She looked particularly at the longstanding custom of *rumspringa*, or "running around," in which young teens are allowed to experience the outside world and sow their wild oats. In the woods, on the farm, and even in abandoned strip mines, some young men and women sample alcohol, drugs, and sex. Local police are sometimes called to intervene when these gatherings of teens get out of hand.

One of the Amish beliefs about *rumspringa* is that after experiencing the decadence of the outside world, young people will want to return to the safety, security, and spirituality of their kin. More often than not, the young people do return, but some leave permanently after the experience.

In her research for "The Bible or Beer: A Look at Amish *Rumspringa* and Baptism," Matthews looked for factors that might determine whether teens will choose to become baptized into the order or venture out on their own.

Matthews' interest in the Amish was sparked by a class with David McConnell (anthropology), who researches Amish life. "I came to realize that not much has been written about Amish teenagers and the process by which they decide to stay or go," says Matthews.

Finding the Amish was no problem. Holmes County, just south of Wooster, is home to the largest population of Amish

in the United States. Gaining access to the Amish was another matter. The "simple people" are known for protecting their privacy and limiting interactions with the outside world. Fortunately, the family of Matthews' roommate, Laura Jeanne Cerniglia, lives in Holmes County and helped the student make some connections.



## KATE MATTHEWS

**HOME:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**MAJOR:** Sociology

**I.S. TITLE:** The Bible or Beer? A Look at Amish *Rumspringa* and Baptism

**ADVISER:** David McConnell

Gaining the trust and confidence of her new acquaintances took time, especially when she pulled out a pocket tape recorder and laid it on their tables. Gradually they warmed up to their outside observer and occasionally greeted her with fresh-baked cookies and milk.

The next obstacle for Matthews was trying to interview teenagers privately. "The Amish are very family oriented, and they all wanted to sit in on the interviews," she says. "I don't think they distrusted me as much as they wanted to be a part of the conversation. It was a little uncomfortable. I think the teenagers would have been more open if we had been alone, but we were able to make it work."

Matthews conducted ten interviews with Old Order and New Order Amish teenagers and adults. She also interviewed three ex-Amish (one ex-Old Order female and two ex-Swartzentruber males) along with a Holmes County police officer. Matthews referred to her interviewees as a "snowball sample" — not perfectly scientific but sufficient for research.

Curiosity worked both ways. "I wanted to learn as much about the Amish as I could, but they had a lot of questions for me, too." Once, Matthews was asked how many children were in her family. Her answer, just two, stunned the Amish, who are used to large families. During another interview, a young mother plopped a newborn baby on Matthews' lap. Noting her discomfort, the mother said, "What, you're 22 and







"There is diversity among the **Amish** just as there is in any other community. They may be **private** people, but they are also very warm and **inviting.**"

—KATE  
**MATTHEWS**

Matthews on site in Holmes County, Ohio, where she found Amish families to interview. Left, consulting with adviser David McConnell. Far left, a young Amish man steers his horse-drawn plow.

you don't know how to hold a baby?"

Cultural differences aside, Matthews forged strong bonds with her Amish subjects. "Meeting the people and getting to know them in their homes was an amazing experience," she says. "I was even invited to a wedding this summer."

Matthews drew several conclusions from her research. Her findings suggest that some Old Order and most Swartzentruber Amish still participate in *rumspringa*. New Order church districts and some Old Order families have creatively modified this rite of passage by instituting singings, youth meetings, volleyball games, caroling, and a more formal protocol for dating. Among the affiliations, the motivation for baptism was the same. "Becoming baptized provides a connection to Christ," says Matthews. "Their decision to

remain Amish provides a system of support and protection."

Matthews knows that she learned almost as much about herself as she did about the Amish during her research. "I had some preconceived notions about the Amish that were wrong," she says. "There is diversity among the Amish just as there is in any other community. They may be private people, but they are also very warm and inviting. I am more aware of the Amish around me now, and I respect their commitment to a different way of life."

Where Matthews' I.S. experience will lead remains to be seen. She is interested in the FBI or Secret Service work. Her experience of gaining access and building trust to gain information from another culture may give her a terrific foundation for intelligence work. — John Finn



# I S MY FAMILY, My Self



Ferm with photos from her grandmother's youth. Right, reviewing a draft of the memoir with adviser Joanne Frye.

"I am the meeting **point** between the farthest ends of the **compass**, and I am only just beginning to discover all of the **directions** I can dance toward."

—SAMANTHA FERM



# WHERE MEMOIR TAKES US

Samantha Ferm thought she would write an I.S. that collected her grandmother's colorful stories. Raised in British India, Ferm's grandmother brought her Hindi tongue, exotic foods, and tales of adventures with her when she moved in with Samantha and her family in Mesa, Arizona, years ago.

But with the guidance of her adviser, Joanne Frye (English), Ferm's I.S. grew into much more than just a recounting of a grandmother's tales. Frye, who is at work on a memoir and is interested in mother-daughter relationships, convinced Ferm that readers care much more about a memoir when the narrator relates the events and characters to herself. As Ferm began to transcribe the hours of tapes that she recorded last fall and winter with her grandmother, "I realized that the story was as much about me as it was about her."

The result, "Monsoon Memory: Tales From a Distant Home," is an absorbing, beautifully written story of a college-aged daughter exploring her mixed-race identity as she learns about her grandmother's history in India and Pakistan. We read of the adventures of a spirited young woman decades ago, during a time of political unrest in India. But Ferm also shows us how her grandmother tells the stories, what she avoids and where she goes off on tangents. Ferm writes of what her home smells like as her grandmother cooks, how it felt to grow up with her, and how Ferm feels as she pieces together her heritage.

The evocative writing flows easily, but it is the product of plenty of work. Last fall Ferm read her fill of memoirs by women, fiction by Indian women writers, and books on how to write memoirs. Transcribing the interviews with her grandmother was tedious work, as was choosing which stories to include and how to organize them.

"From the beginning, Professor Frye was so excited about my project. She recommended that I keep an I.S. journal as I read. She pushed me to find myself in the stories, telling me that my voice is the one the reader will trust.

"Grandma's a natural born storyteller, with a flair for the dramatic. She'd be honest with me about fights in the family and things like that, then say, 'Don't put this in.' With the



## SAMANTHA FERM

**HOME:** Mesa, Arizona

**MAJOR:** English

**I.S. TITLE:** Monsoon Memory: Tales

From a Distant Home

**ADVISER:** Joanne Frye

more difficult issues, I had to push her — like about what it was like to grow up in British India, and what her relationship with her husband was like."

Ferm begins the I.S. in the present as she writes about searching for her identity as an Indian and American. Then she writes about herself as a grade schooler,

with the presence of her grandmother in her home. She tells the story of her grandmother's grandmother, "a family legend that I kind of play with," about a princess who was kidnapped, lost at sea in a storm, taken in by a minister on the shores of Mangalore, in southern India, and married a local man. The stories move forward in time, telling of her grandmother's courtship and marriage, children, an escape to

Pakistan, and more.

"In my research, I learned that the questions that make you angry are the powerful stories. For me, asking about my uncle's and grandfather's deaths was hard. I cried as I was transcribing those notes. It's my first confrontation with death, really. And I was mourning for people I'd never met."

Her last chapter is "a conversation between my mother and me about my grandmother." Ferm's mother has only been to India once, and says one day she'd like to take Samantha there. She planned to read her daughter's I.S. on the plane home from Ohio after graduation. Then Grandma will read it.

"I have a feeling my grandmother will love it," Ferm says, "but inevitably there will be something that she doesn't like or that she doesn't think I should have included."

"It feels like I accomplished something that I didn't know I was meant to accomplish," Ferm says of her I.S., which earned honors. "As for my identity, I'm still searching. This project was just an introduction to my searching."

Ferm is home in Arizona now, working and saving money with hopes of going abroad. She may put her Spanish minor to use, she says. "I've been given so many opportunities, I just want to give something back."

"Samantha has a hunger for the larger world," says Frye, "and she wants to satisfy that hunger before she locks into a career path. She's also got a hunger for the greater good, in the largest sense." — Lisa Watts



# WHAT Fish TEACH US ABOUT HEARING LOSS

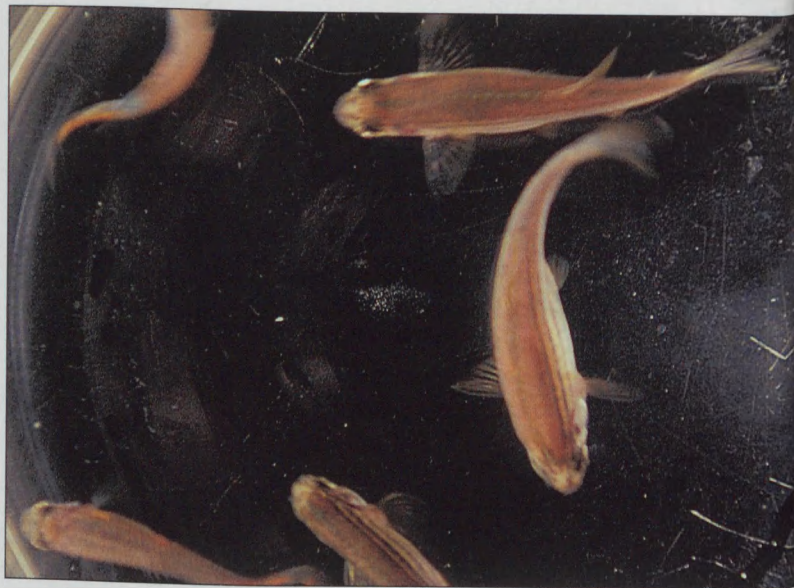
Pat McKenzie knows that his I.S., which looks at the effect of a growth factor on hearing loss in zebrafish, was successful. His results even drew praise from medical school officials interviewing him this spring. But if he were to congratulate himself for anything about the project, it would be not so much for the design of his research but for the mechanics — figuring out how to nurse tiny fish embryos to life long enough to conduct his experiments.

"I had to be innovative," he says.

McKenzie has kept pet fish and fish tanks of all kinds as long as he can remember — he kept a hundred-gallon tank in Shearer House. But his zebrafish projects presented new challenges. Biologists use the half-inch long zebrafish (*Brachydanio rerio*) as a model for vertebrate development and genetic biology. For half of his research, McKenzie found the mutant strain of the species that he needed at a lab in Germany. The German scientists sent fragile embryos for hatching; McKenzie went through three batches over the course of his experiments.

"Scientists from UCLA called, saying they had heard I had the mutant fish. But I had to tell them that I couldn't keep them alive," McKenzie says. "None of the faculty here have experience with fish, so I had to come up with the procedures on my own. The stock center in Germany was helpful, and a professor in England gave me a few articles. He said there's usually an 11 percent success rate in keeping the fish alive."

For the first part of his project, McKenzie looked at noise-induced hearing loss in zebrafish. To induce noise, he bor-



rowed a tone generator from the physics department and played a 168-decibel tone — roughly the equivalent of a plane taking off — through a speaker near the fish for twenty-four hours. The simulation of years of noise-induced damage left the fish unresponsive to noise, or deaf. Then McKenzie watched for their response as, for a few minutes each hour, he played a tone at a frequency that appeals to the fish. The control group of some sixty fish regained hearing after twelve hours. The second group of fish, which McKenzie injected with neurotrophin-3 growth factor, began to respond to noise sooner, in roughly eight hours.

Secondly, McKenzie looked at hair cell regeneration in mutant zebrafish, a study which could have applications in human hair cell growth in the ear.

"We have hair cells, with cilia that protrude, in our ears. The cilia vibrate and receive sound. Zebrafish have the same cells and cilia to perceive sound. Their ears are a series of bones, with membranes that have a dark neuro-mass, then cilia protruding. The mutant zebrafish have no cilia sticking out, so they can't hear."

In batches of a dozen, McKenzie

## PAT MCKENZIE

**HOME:** Independence, Ohio

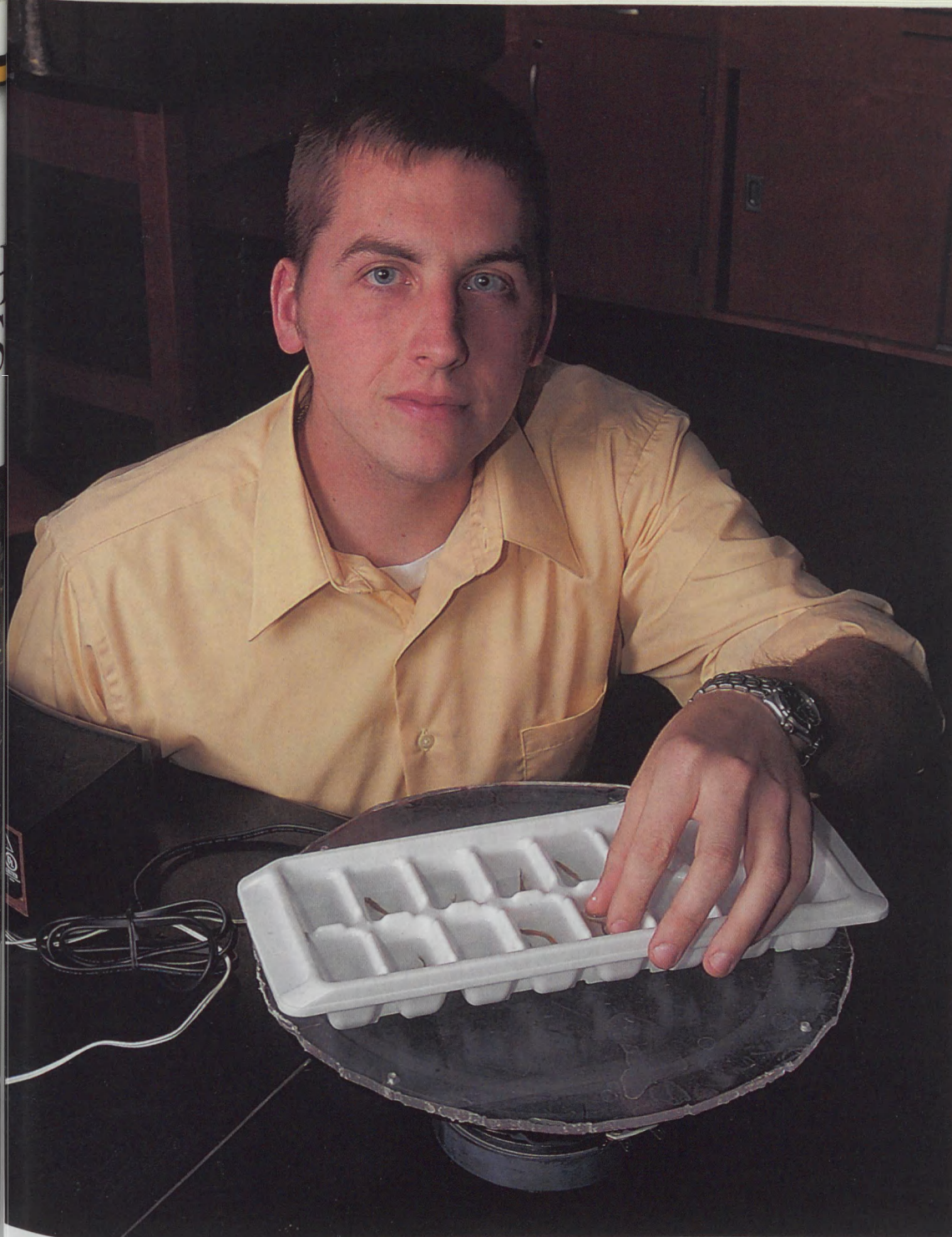
**MAJOR:** Biology

**I.S. TITLE:** The Effect of Neurotrophin-3 on Noise-Induced Sensorineural Hearing Loss and the Colourless Mutant in Zebrafish

**ADVISER:** Richard Lehtinen







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—PAT  
**MCKENZIE**

McKenzie looked at hearing loss and hair cell regeneration in zebrafish. Left, with adviser Rick Lehtinen.

would treat six mutant fish with the growth factor (which the mutants don’t possess). Scanning the fish with a spectroscope from the neighboring Ohio Agricultural Research Development Center, “I saw some cilia growth,” he says. Because the fish were hard to keep alive, “the project was successful, but on a small scale.”

Hailing from Independence, Ohio, McKenzie is staying close to home to attend medical school at Case Western Reserve University. Interviewers at The Cleveland Clinic, which will pay McKenzie’s Case tuition while he works in a neuroscience lab at the clinic, were impressed with his I.S. work. They want him to continue the research there, testing

whether the mutant fish eventually gain some hearing. “The interviewers,” McKenzie remembers, “said things like, ‘Who would have thought that this is some undergraduate’s work in Wooster, Ohio?’”

Rick Lehtinen (biology), McKenzie’s adviser, isn’t surprised. Most applicants to medical school offer top grades and standardized test scores, but few of them have really “done” science, much less designed a project the way McKenzie did.

“Obviously that’s a strength of Wooster’s I.S. program. But Pat especially worked very independently, because none of us had experience in this field. In terms of the details, he had to cover those bases himself, and he did it well.” — Lisa Watts



# EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE: C APPLYING Chem

Asked to pinpoint the origin of her interest in science, Hanneke Hoekman muses, "Well, I've always been, maybe, ornery." In grade school she noticed that no girls played drums in the band, so she decided to be the first. In high school, she took four years of Latin rather than Spanish because "Spanish is very practical, but I thought Latin would be more fun." So it was only natural that her reaction to the preponderance of males in science was, "OK, that's what I should do then."

It was Hoekman's Latin teacher who suggested she look at Wooster. The match proved a good one for her wide-ranging interests.

"At one point, I wanted to major in chemistry, physics, geology, and maybe anthropology," she admits. Gradually, Hoekman narrowed her focus to a double major in chemistry and archaeology.

Her academic interests came together in an I.S. that analyzes residues found on ceramics from an archaeological site in the northern Jordan River valley: Pella of the Decapolis.

The Pella site was first excavated in the late 1960s by a team overseen by Robert Smith, a Wooster archaeology professor, and two colleagues from the University of Sydney. Located at the western terminus of the Silk Road and other important trade routes, Pella and the other cities of the Decapolis were centers of trade in the Roman and Byzantine empires.

Archaeological evidence — such as the style and decoration of jars and other vessels found at the site — had long suggested trade connections between Pella and Egypt, Cyprus, North Africa, and Asia Minor. Hoekman proposed using analytical chemistry to determine whether microscopic residues of the vessels' contents confirmed those trade connections.

The College art museum houses a collection of intact pottery from the Pella site, while the archaeology department keeps a collection of sherds which formed the basis for her project. Hoekman selected 43 sherds from the Byzantine (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> century) and medieval (14<sup>th</sup> century) periods. She broke a



Hoekman with pottery collected in the Jordan River valley in the 1960s by a Wooster professor. Right, with advisers Nick Kardulias (left) and Paul Edmiston.

small piece from each sherd, ground it to powder (using a special mill purchased with a Copeland grant), and dissolved the powder in dichloro-methane and methanol. She centrifuged the mixture to separate the ceramic pieces, drew off the remaining liquid, and analyzed it using gas chromatography-



# History TO ARCHAEOLOGY

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—HANNEKE HOEKMAN

mass spectrometry. This method separates and identifies each component of the chemical residues.

It took hours of painstaking lab work and many late nights, particularly after the spectrometer broke down for a critical period in January. Yet Hoekman stayed calm.

"She was very meticulous and completely organized through the whole process," says Paul Edmiston (chemistry), one of her advisers.

Chemical analysis is only half of the story, however.

"There's a tendency to focus on the technique and extract all the specific data, which is fine, but from the anthropological, archaeological side, I have to get students to raise their heads a bit to look at the big picture," explains Nick Kardulias (archaeology), Hoekman's other adviser. "What does all this information mean in the context of the social system?"

Hoekman concluded that the chemical evidence upheld the view of Pella as a center of trade with North Africa, Cyprus, and Asia

Minor during the Byzantine period. She found evidence of other trade connections with China and Europe by identifying residues of berries from China, which were used to make medicines, and Scots pine from Europe, used in scented oils.

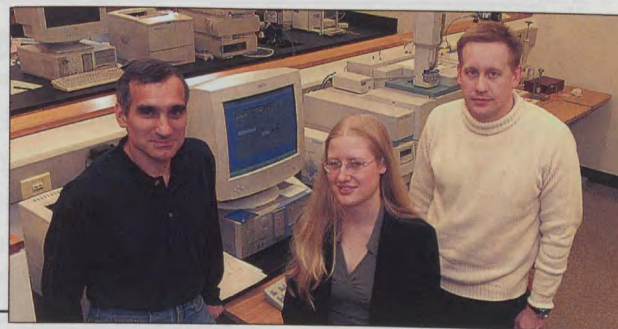
The medieval sherds contained only residues of local goods such as date palm and anise, confirming that Pella never recovered its trade position after an earthquake in 747 AD.

"We know that there were trade contacts that eventually

linked the Roman Empire and China," Kardulias says. "The issue is, how do you systematically document that? The kind of things that Hanneke's doing begin that process of getting us a little bit further along in terms of real empirical evidence."

A successful multidisciplinary I.S. requires "a person like Hanneke, who is really talented and wants to be a couple of standard deviations away from the mainstream, both in terms of what she wants to do here and what she wants to do at the next level of her career," says Edmiston.

Hoekman has begun graduate work in anthropology at Florida State University and plans to stay at the intersection of chemistry and archaeology. The field "could become like radio carbon dating, an innovation that totally changed archaeology and helped establish more accurate chronologies." — J.H.



## HANNEKE HOEKMAN

**HOME:** Holland, Michigan

**MAJOR:** Archaeology/Chemistry

**I.S. TITLE:** Residue Analysis of Ceramics From Late Byzantine and Mediaeval Contexts at Pella, Jordan

**ADVISERS:** Nick Kardulias and Paul Edmiston



# AN Eye FOR THE BATTLEFIELD

To say Angela Zombek is interested in Civil War history is like saying ESPN is interested in sports, or Madonna is interested in publicity. Zombek owns more than 250 books on the war. She reenacts battles with the 41<sup>st</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. She visited Gettysburg with her

boyfriend during spring break ("You just can't date me and not go to Gettysburg," she says). In short, she is contagiously passionate about the subject. The opportunity to pursue that passion through I.S. brought her to The College of Wooster.

Zombek focused on the 1864 battle of Pickett's Mill, a relatively obscure clash in Georgia, because "I wanted an undiluted perspective on war that would allow me to examine soldiers' memories in an unbiased fashion."

Pickett's Mill was a rare and bloody setback for General William Tecumseh Sherman during his march across Georgia. On the afternoon of May 27, 1864, Sherman ordered two brigades to advance across a thickly wooded ravine and attack Confederate forces strongly entrenched along a ridge. The first

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—ANGELA ZOMBEK

covered a curious fact: Sherman made no mention of it in either his official records or his memoirs.

"Sherman appeals to me as a historical figure," she says. "He was a brilliant man with regard to military tactics, the first modern general, and I was intrigued that to save his reputation, he would ignore a battle that went horribly wrong for him in a campaign that, up to that point, had been going quite well."

As she read more and talked with her adviser, Jeff Roche (history), Zombek decided to organize her I.S. around the role of historical memory: how "military rank, field position, victory and defeat cause men to remember the same battle differently."

"She could have written the entire I.S. on the battle," Roche says. "But Angie wanted to be something more than just a mili-

tary historian. We fooled around with a number of ideas and slowly this one came through her exploration of the documents.... This is what's great about Angie's project and her work as a historian: the documents tell the story. She didn't formulate a thesis and then go look for things to support it. She carefully analyzed what she had and then figured it out, based on the evidence."



## ANGELA ZOMBEK

**HOME:** Westlake, Ohio

**MAJOR:** Biology

**I.S. TITLE:** "History Hides the Lies of Our Civil War." The Forgotten Battle of Pickett's Mill

**ADVISER:** Jeff Roche

brigade to make the attempt left 500 men dead or wounded in 45 minutes. One company of the 41<sup>st</sup> Ohio lost 90 percent of its men in the assault; another, more than 80 percent. The second wave fared no better. In all, 700 Federals were killed and more than 1,000 wounded. The official history of the 41<sup>st</sup> Ohio called it "a bloody burial of brave endeavor — an offering without an altar, a hopeless sacrifice."

Digging further into the history of the battle, Zombek dis-

Zombek studied contemporary news accounts, letters and diaries of officers and enlisted men, regimental histories, individual memoirs, and remembrances published years after the battle. Some Union officers, like Sherman, glossed over Pickett's Mill or ignored it entirely, focusing instead on battles the day before and the day after which went the Union's way. Others focused on the courage displayed by their men in the doomed assault, or expressed grief and anger at the missteps of





Zombek, center, hunts for the enemy during a reenactment in Wayne County this spring. Left, working on a draft with adviser Jeff Roche.

their fellow commanders.

Confederate generals, on the other hand, “clung to the memory of their shining military performance and recorded its events with careful pride.” Enlisted Confederates also exulted in the victory and marveled at the Union forces’ punishment.

But the Federal enlisted men were in many ways the fiercest in their determination that the battle — and their sacrifice — not be forgotten. “Sherman in his memoirs was unfair to us in failing to mention our battle on the 27<sup>th</sup>,” wrote George Putenny of the 37<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment.

Sergeant Gregory McDermott of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Kentucky wrote in a newspaper for Civil War veterans, *The National Tribune*: “Soon it will be 33 years since our division was hurled into that slaughter-pen, and our brigade and the division structure almost destroyed.”

Reading primary sources like these gave Zombek “a real sense of the passion the men felt for what they were doing, and the fear...a sense of them as really human people.”

Last year, Zombek was one of 14,000 re-enactors at the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Antietam.

That experience added a new dimension to her interpretation of Pickett’s Mill. She understood first-hand the noise and smoke and confusion of a battlefield, the difficulty of maintaining formation in rough terrain and ensuring coordination among units as orders moved down the chain of command.

“Her re-enacting gives her an eye for the battlefield that I wouldn’t have,” Roche observes. “It helped her get inside the enlisted men’s heads and make the way they looked at the battle make a lot more sense.”

This fall Zombek heads to the University of Akron, where she will work with Civil War historian Lesley Gordon. She plans to use her I.S. as the foundation for her master’s thesis.

Roche knows Zombek will be a fine historian. She is the sort of student “where your role as an adviser is often reining them in, keeping them with their eyes on the prize, because they get so excited... Nothing’s more fun than saying, ‘Here’s a book you should read,’ and they read it and go off and apply it. Then every week for an hour, I’m talking with a fellow scholar... That’s why I love I.S.”

— John Hopkins





# Pioneer in

## HOW I PRODUCED THE FIRST I.S.

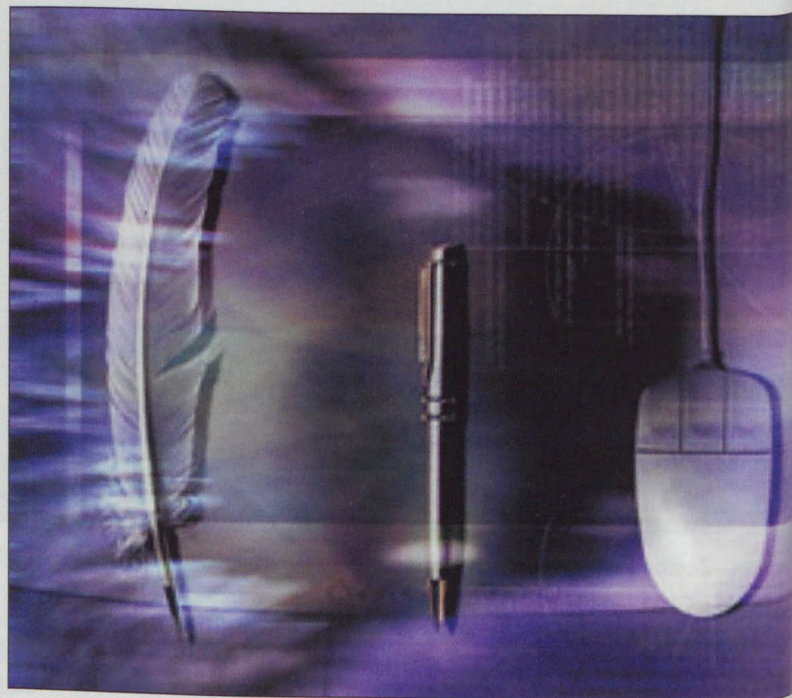
My pocket-sized personal digital assistant weighs just a few ounces and includes a word processor, spell checker, thesaurus, a dozen foreign language dictionaries, a Bible, an interactive map of the London Underground, and thousands of addresses and appointments. It goes almost everywhere with me. Today, even a casual writer likely uses some electronic device. But it wasn't very long ago that all writing was done on paper.

My digital revolution began in 1982, when my senior Independent Study was the first one to be written and published on a "personal" computer.

In 1978, Professor E. Carl Zimmerman (mathematics) constituted the entire CompSci department at Wooster. My class arrived on campus with clunky portable typewriters. We wrote and revised our work in longhand, and only after completing the creative process did we fix it permanently on a page through typing. A few typos were inevitable. Correction was a two-step process involving the careful removal of text followed by some never-quite-neat-enough over-typing, or in extreme cases, hand printing with a ball point pen. Gritty rubber wheels attached to stiff green brushes, typing erasers could bore holes through onionskin paper in seconds. We had alternatives to the eraser, but they all resulted in horribly messy documents. The faculty especially dreaded Corrasable paper. Chemically treated to allow use of a pencil eraser, such ease of erasure brought significant disadvantages. Typed text came out sort of a sickly gray, erased text left a faint shadow, and text was forever subject to smearing unless you took the uniquely heroic step of coating it with hair spray.

Whatever correction method we used, our typed pages never really looked good. For a significant academic thesis like Independent Study, virtually everyone hired a typist. These specialists had to be scheduled, because there weren't enough typists in Wooster to do everyone's I.S. at the same time. Last minute alterations or corrections were impossible.

Fall 1981 saw us lining up for access to the eighteen Terak microcomputers that sat waiting in a new facility in Andrews Library basement. The previous year, a few of us Computer Center regulars had experimented with using them to write assignments. We printed our papers on dot-matrix printers, which created ugly, mechanical-looking text. Like 8.5" x 11" postage stamps, the paper had perforations at the top and bottom and rows of tractor-feed holes down the sides. We had to



ask professors for permission to hand in such weird-looking papers. However, in my senior year, a new 'typewriter quality' printer provided a quantum leap in document appearance. Although that doesn't seem like much of a benchmark today, it meant that anyone patient enough to wait for the printer to finish could have a document that was noticeably neat. Well, anyone technically proficient enough to know how to create and process the document. We had nothing like a modern word processor, so what we had was effectively limited to the minority of students who had used a Terak "PC" for coursework.

The Terak text editor was primitive, but it did have "word wrap," a new efficiency which meant we didn't have to hit a return lever or "Enter" key every eighty characters. It was quicker to type text on the computer than to write it longhand or use a typewriter. With arrow keys, minor changes were easy and, unlike typing, you couldn't detect where you made changes. More significantly, the text editor allowed us to cut out words, sentences, even paragraphs, then paste them back in a different order. Those who could figure out the arcane system could perform a wholesale rearrangement of text in seconds.

Formatting such as line spacing, indentation, and underlin-



# nPrint

BY JAY HEISER '82

## ON A PERSONAL COMPUTER

ing wasn't visible on the screen. Instead it was awkwardly specified by putting special instructions in stand-alone lines of text preceded by a period ("IN 5" meant indent the following line of text by five spaces). The new printer could do tricks that were difficult or impossible on the typewriter, like printing quotes from German language sources with German characters. Unlike a typewriter, the printer used proportional fonts, meaning that each letter took up only as much width as was needed, just like a magazine or book. To further distinguish my printed I.S. from typewritten ones, I made it fully justified, with straight margins on both sides of the page. All this extra formatting meant it took several noisy hours to print my

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hundred-plus page I.S. (on the "Gospel of Thomas").

In retrospect, the significance of personal computing was not in the word presentation but in the word processing. The experience of being a Wooster student was already changing, and computers were no longer just for programming. They were becoming generalized idea manipulation tools. Social anthropologists suggest that there are significant differences in thought processes and cultural values between purely oral societies and those that make constant use of reading and writing. As we increasingly rely upon digital technology to collect, store, manipulate, and communicate ideas, are we undergoing a comparable level of intellectual change?

Aristotle warned that literacy reduces memorization capacity. After twenty-five years on the keyboard, I certainly have lost the ability to compose on paper. But have I also gained something? Has ubiquitous PC word processing changed the very way we think, or even what we value? Sounds like a great question for a Wooster student to examine in Independent Study.

Jay Heiser '82 is an information security analyst with TruSecure in London, England.

### HEISER BIOGRAPHY

- 1982:** Graduates from Wooster with religion major, minors in German and computer science. I.S. earns honors.
- 1985:** Earns MBA from Thunderbird—The Garvin School of International Management. Initially he was one of only three students with a personal computer.
- 1986:** Is hired by the Computer Information Center in the Pentagon. The required two years of user support experience is satisfied by his time as a consultant in the Academic Computer Center at Wooster. He saw Fawn Hall once.
- 1989:** Finally gets first job with high-tech product vendor, the Santa Cruz Operation.
- 1997:** Actually gets paid for writing, with articles in two different computer journals.
- 1999:** Begins writing for *Information Security* magazine.
- 2000:** Begins regular op-ed column for *Information Security*; starts working in Switzerland.
- 2001:** Publishes co-authored book, *Computer Forensics*, drawing on early skills gained while recovering lost Terak files for other students in Academic Computer Center. Moves family to Austria, high-tech bubble quickly bursts. Joins Swiss bank and moves family to London.
- 2003:** High-tech bubble starts to reinflate, joins TruSecure's English office to work with UK and German clients. — J.H.



BY  
ERIC PFEFFINGER '92



# But SERIOUSLY, FOLKS...

All those hours doing  
*Don't Throw Shoes*  
improv prepared us  
for something in the  
real world — not cubicle  
comedy, though.

**I DON'T GET COLLEGE STUDENTS  
TODAY. THE WAY THEY'RE ALL  
INTO "INTERNSHIPS" AND "NET-  
WORKING" AND "JOBS."**

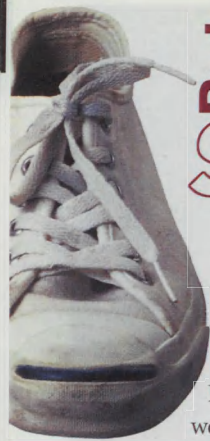
When I was in college, I was a founding member of the comedy/improv troupe Don't Throw Shoes. Resumes? Who was thinking about resumes? We had sketches to develop, improves to practice, time to waste. Before we got to Wooster, there wasn't even a thing called Don't Throw Shoes, and then we gave it that goofy name, so how much credibility could it carry in a job interview? "I wasn't president of SGA or a member of the German language house, but I helped write the 'Scooby Monkey Trial' sketch, I appeared in the video 'COPS: Campus Security,' and I'm really good at the Emotions Improv. When can I start, sir?"





Don't Throw Shoes, the formative years:  
(from top, left to right) Andy Cobb '93, Karen  
Cordrick Haely '92, Justin Boyd '93, Clarke  
McFarlane '92, Gabe Zucker, Paul D'Addario,  
Eric Pfeffinger, and Cathy Taylor, '92s.





# But SERIOUSLY, Folks...

What has become of the founding members of Shoes? Have they all, as justice and logic would dictate, become profoundly troubled drains on society? Like me? (Playwright, same difference.)

"My Shoes experience has been useless professionally," says Justin Boyd '93. "I learned not one single resume-ready skill from Shoes." Justin went from Wooster to be, among other things, a journalist, a playwright, and staff writer at — I just like to say this title — *Rubber and Plastics News*. So it's entirely possible he could sue Don't Throw Shoes.

Apparently I'm the only person who actually used Shoes to land a real job. When I got hired by Indiana University in their financial aid office, I'd assumed it was on the strength of my well-rounded liberal arts education. Turns out it was because this office did skits at a luncheon every Thanksgiving, and the financial aid director noticed Shoes on my resume and thought I'd be a ringer. (She was wrong. So wrong. Cubicle comedy is murder.)

So I expected everyone to be snarky and irreverent, pathologically afraid of sentimentality, spewing obscenities, and hanging up on me. We are talking about comedy people, after all, who don't take anything seriously. Writing this thing would be a snap, and I could get back to surfing the Web.

But Shoes was apparently so valuable an experience that even these guys are loath to joke about it too much.

I expected optimism among more recent Shoes graduates, since life hasn't had time to crush them yet. Shoes seems

to operate pretty much the way it always did, the main difference being that Shoes folks now have names like Cory and Merritt and Daren. They sound like the cast of a Fox nighttime soap while we (Eric, Gabe, Clarke) might have been someone's IT department.

Katie Hammond '03, an actor in Chicago, declares that Shoes "showed me the door to realizing my destiny. Without Shoes I might have wandered around thinking that teaching German to Chinese in Bulgaria should be my career." Cory Becker '04, who's off to start an M.A. in critical theory at the University of Chicago, proclaims, "I don't think there's anything more useful going on at Wooster than Shoes." (Of course, he's studying critical theory, so useful is as useful does.)

Even the old-school types, who ought to be all jaded and misanthropic, practically gush. Who knew? I mean, Shoes was valuable to me, but then I'm a playwright. Writing plays is like doing improv in your head, at a computer. It's like being crazy, only without the glamour.

But take Cathy Taylor '92, who's the publicity and communications director at Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago, where she rubs elbows with the likes of John Malkovich and

what she's doing now. "Here I am working at Steppenwolf, which I think is one of the greatest theater companies in the world, and — like Don't Throw Shoes — it is an ensemble company. I remember a sketch we did in Shoes on Ted Kennedy. It was a joke that Andy Cobb wrote, but he gave me the punchline. The crowd absolutely loved that skit, which gave me such a high. *Love* that ensemble ethic! I don't think I would have found that level of camaraderie elsewhere."

Cathy was a theater major. In keeping with liberal-arts eclecticism, most of us in the Shoes' early years weren't. We concentrated in disciplines as far-flung as psychology (hence the neurological game show skit "What's My Lesion?"), philosophy (hence "Star Trek: The Wrath of Kant," featuring Captain Kierkegaard), and music history (here I have no "hence").

Thinking about his psychology major, Clarke McFarlane '92 says, "It would seem that my life took a sharp turn off the rails that my Wooster education set me on. But from the point of view of a Shoe, I kept right in line." With his wife, Silvia, Clarke has created a wildly successful international traveling comedy juggling show called Planet Banana. Though their home base is in New York, Clarke does most of



**SHOES WAS APPARENTLY SO VALUABLE AN EXPERIENCE THAT EVEN THESE GUYS ARE LOATH TO JOKE ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.**

Gary Sinise. "Whenever I tell someone I used to be in a comedy troupe, they'll always say, 'No you weren't,'"

Cathy recalls. "I remember one friend actually told me, 'That's impossible. You're not funny.' For the next three days I'd ask people, 'Am I funny?' They'd say, 'Well, not right now.'"

Even if Cathy can't wring some credibility out of her Shoes experience, she thinks it was appropriate preparation for

his touring and performing in Europe, "where circus and the variety arts rank with opera, theater, and music in the cultural diet." (Sketch comedy, of course, ranks with boardwalk caricatures, dirty limericks, and double-jointed tricks.) "We use circus skills to tell a love story, often with live music. We juggle, dance tango, perform aerial fixed trapeze, involve members of the audience and we dress funny." They do it for crowds at venues ranging from a Phish concert to a





With their comedy juggling act, Planet Banana, Clarke McFarlane '92 and his wife, Silvia, (above and opposite page) tour Europe and the U.S. Clarke calls his time with Shoes 'the most consistently creative of my career.'

medieval fortress in Israel. Check out [planetbanana.com](http://planetbanana.com) — one of the strangest Web sites you'll ever visit without shameful prurience.

"It wasn't until I entered the collaborative process of Planet Banana that I got back on the track that started in those 10 o'clock rehearsals in Lean Lecture Hall," Clarke said. "There was never time for ego-driven political dispute. Our goal orientation was manic. We had the confidence from successful shows to draw upon, and we all suspected the others of genius. It was the most consistently creative period of my performing career."

Clarke still has a tape of a Shoes show in a box somewhere, but the idea of ever actually watching it again fills him with fear and loathing. "I can easily remember why it was the most hilarious sketch in the world when a man asks his date 'What's your favorite animal?' and, when she says, 'I like tigers,' he gives a self-conscious attempt at imitating a tiger. This was gold. But to the uninitiated it could seem, I don't know, sophomoric? Still, the audience liked it. And just like back then, Planet Banana leaves the executive decision on any matter to the audience."

The man who asked his date about her favorite animal was played by Christian Ruch '92, among Shoes' most consistently amusing performers. Now he's among Shoes' most surprising alumni stories: he's pastor of the Church of the Cross in Minneapolis, a job which involves starting up a whole new church. Like, from scratch. They call it "planting" a church. It's like gardening, only with Godliness. Surely if nothing else from Shoes prepared Christian for this, his role playing Schwarzenegger as The Germinator did.

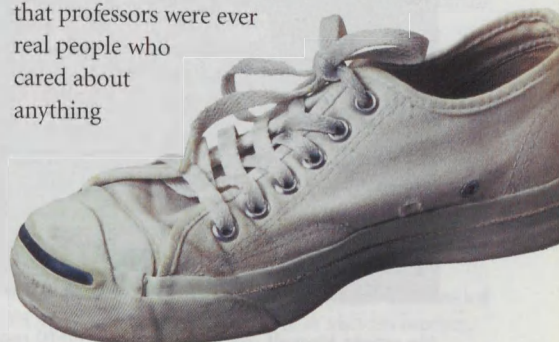
Actually, the first thing that comes to mind when he thinks about applying his Shoes training is parenting — Christian enjoys making his three kids laugh. Seeing as they're all under six, he says they're not a very demanding or rigorous audience — they laugh easily and at the cheapest, broadest stuff. So it's like performing for drunk undergraduates at the Underground all over again. He also has to be careful with the slapstick, because they don't know better than to try and imitate him. (Again, see drunk undergrads, above.)

But Shoes has shaped Christian's vocational choices as well. "There was a Shoes

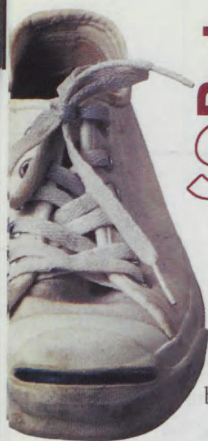
philosophy of entertaining people that I have adapted for use in ministry," he says. "In Shoes, we did a fair share of unfunny skits, but at least when they bombed they were short. We were prepared for short attention spans. And this has translated into my preaching: I make sure there is a momentum to the message. It also plays into how I run a church meeting — I am really terrified of boring people. Overall I place a high value on humor. Too many pas-

tors — too many Christians, really, for that matter — take themselves too seriously, and so humor can be an effective tool at building trust."

Karen Cordrick Haely '92 doesn't claim to use props or punchlines in her classroom. After earning her Ph.D in philosophy, she finds herself back at the scene of the crime, teaching in Wooster's philosophy department. She recalls being at a weekly roundtable with the majors when Henry Kreuzman, the department chair, offhandedly mentioned, "You know, Karen was a founding member of Don't Throw Shoes." "The students were shocked," Karen reports. "Like: 'She doesn't seem that funny!'" Of course, students tend to resist any evidence that professors were ever real people who cared about anything







# But SERIOUSLY, Folks...

besides Karl Popper or Alfred Tarski or the importance of putting your name on your blue book exam.

I know for a fact that Paul D'Addario '92 is putting his thespian skills to use as a member of The Gift theater ensemble in Chicago, because I've seen him. Well, I mean, I haven't actually seen him in one of his shows. That would be thoughtful of me, though. He filled in a couple of weeks ago when we were doing a reading of my play, *Mouse Cop*. It was just like Shoes all over again. Except it was in a real theater. And there was a script. And everyone behaved professionally, and no one was running on the tables.

Either Paul credits Shoes with instilling his love of ensemble work, or he is being really, really indulgent when he says, "Ensemble acting, working together equally for a common goal — that was Shoes. No one ever complained about the amount of time they were onstage in a show — the creative dynamic definitely whetted my appetite for the type of acting experience I would pursue later."

It's Justin — the aforementioned veteran of plastics and rubber-related journalism — who most succinctly summarizes the broad vocational value of Shoes experience. "Anyone can gain the skills to, say,

convert sewage into drinking water, but not everyone can make it fun," he says. "Quick comic instincts are a great way to weasel out of responsibility. I haven't had to own up to a mistake in years."

Andy Cobb '93, one of our founding members, is acting and writing in L.A., but until recently he was a writer/performer in a resident stage company at Chicago's legendary Second City comedy theatre, playing everything from George W. Bush to a hip-hop monk. Surely he

rail," Andy says. "Don't Throw Shoes taught me how to fail on the road, and I've done it many times since. It was a good way to learn how to suck and still feel good about yourself."

"Improv, sketch comedy, setting up a tour — this was stuff we had no idea how to do, but we were doing it anyway. Nowadays if you want to learn about improv, there are resources available to you on the Internet, or there's a ComedySportz in every town, or maybe

you watched 'Whose Line is it Anyway?' on TV. We didn't know anything, we were starting from scratch, for no particularly good reason. *That* prepares you for a career in innovation. Take the arts:

**"I AM REALLY TERRIFIED OF BORING PEOPLE. OVERALL I PLACE A HIGH VALUE ON HUMOR."**

**—Christian Ruch '92**

can credit Shoes as good preparation?

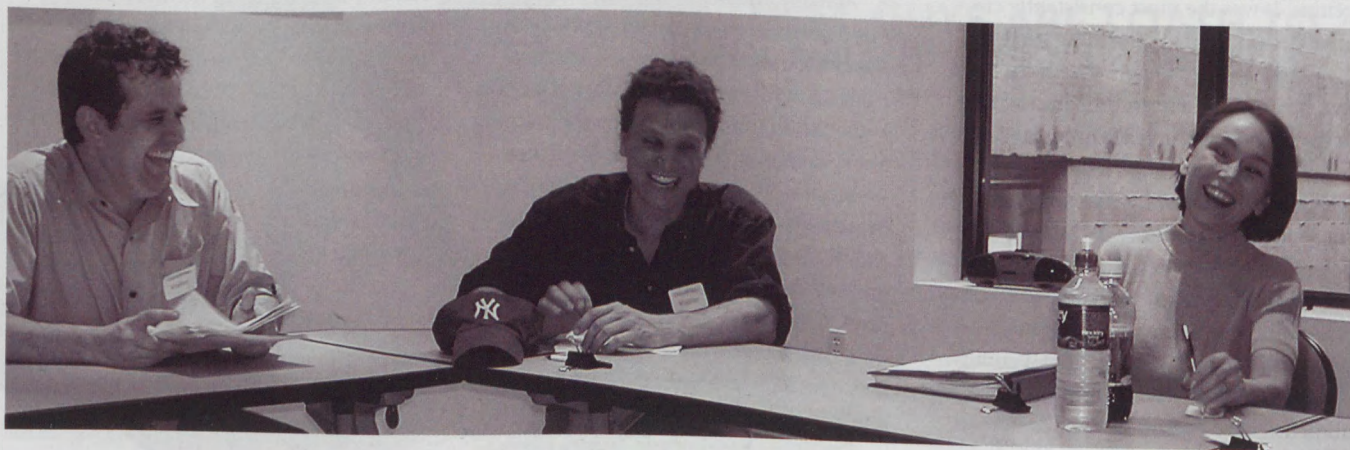
"Shoes was absolutely no help in getting me jobs," he says. "I never meant to pursue a path of improv comedy after college. And when I did, I found out that in Shoes, we did improv all wrong."

I got discouraged that Shoes was of no value to him whatsoever. He accused me of twisting his words the way the media is wont to do. We had a tiff; we made up. Then Andy got insightful.

"Touring to other colleges with Shoes was great preparation for Second City — the experience of going to a different town and the fear of being run out on a

No one's going to hold a gun to your head and make you write a screenplay. So if you make it to 120 pages anyway, you're a certain kind of person who's going to do things. Shoes helped make us those kinds of people." **W**

Eric Pfeffinger '92 lives in Toledo, Ohio, where he writes plays and calls old friends. His latest work, *Mouse Cop*, opens in September with Chicago's Noble Fool theater company and runs through November 13. "Mention my name at the box office," Eric notes, "and you'll get a patient smile." He married Melissa Gregory '92, an English professor at the University of Toledo.



He cracks himself up: Eric Pfeffinger (left) reads his latest play with Paul D'Addario '92 and Debra Miller this summer in Chicago.



# Class Notes

Summer 2004



Students donned Civil War-era costumes for Color Day, 1954.

COURTESY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, COLLEGE OF WOOSTER LIBRARIES

**1931** **Harriet Steiner Sands** writes, "I had fun this spring visiting the College alumni office and meeting the director, Sandy Eyre '94. I also spent time in the library looking at old issues of the *Index*. Please write!"

**1934** We led the Parade of Classes at our 70th reunion in June! Attending were class co-president **Stan Hoffman**, **Mil Schuenemann Johnston**, **Beryl Young Denny**, **Muriel Dilley Cherney**, and **Eleanor Fenner Linegar** and her husband, Ned. Muriel flew alone from Alabama — now that's independence! The Linegars drove from Colorado — such intrepid travelers. Beryl, who lives 15 minutes from Wooster, had a house party, with the Linegars and Mil as guests.

Co-president **Hill McDonald** could not come at the last minute. **Nancy Casey** sent best wishes from Maine. **Ruby Watkins Welch** tele-

phoned me (**Libby**) with regrets but sent enthusiastic greetings.

Mil and Muriel are our new co-presidents; I'll continue as secretary. **ELIZABETH LAPHAM WILLS**, 36500 Euclid Ave. A255, Willoughby, OH 44094.

**1935** Late this spring, friends and colleagues surprised **Vi Startzman** with a birthday open house at the Startzman Free Clinic. Many folks gathered at the reception; others sent greetings on this special occasion. **VIOLA STARTZMAN ROBERTSON**, 687 Greenwood Blvd., Wooster, OH 44691-4923, <VSR@aol.com>, and **RAY SHAMEL**, 61 Alcott St., Acton, MA 01720-5540.

**1936** **Naomi Wilkin Chave** grew up in Coshocton, Ohio, lived in Wooster from 1962-78, and moved first to Florida and then to Charleston in 1998, to be near her son and three grandchildren. Many members of

her family attended Wooster. See more about Naomi on page 32.

**RALPH GILLMAN**, 1256 Lisa Ann Dr., Akron, OH 44313.

**1937** Here's the news from some of the 41 classmates who had birthdays since the last column. We (the **Van Bolts**) began with calls to **Tom Foster**, **Wendell Eckert**, and **Paul March** — all report "nothing new" since our last conversations.

On Feb. 3 we called **Wesley Stoneburner**, who told us that **Lawson Stoneburner** was in the hospital. Lawson died on Mar. 4 (see Obituaries).

The following have new addresses. **Esther Swift** is in a nursing home in Columbiana, Ohio; our contact with her is through a conservator. **Helen Alber Leibert** moved from her house in Cleveland Heights to an apartment at 22 Ranch Rd., Willoughby, OH 44094. **Fred Shibley** is at 7333 Scotland

Way #1318, Sarasota, FL 34238. Both **Helen Hartzler** and **Mark Kendall** moved to assisted living arrangements within their retirement communities. **Judy Coover Wishart** informs us that **Peg Miller Townsend** no longer is their neighbor in Sun City, FL. Peg now resides at Southminster Place #209, 810 S. Main St., Washington, PA 15301, near a son. We had great conversations with the above folks.

**Wayne Welty** is our leap-year baby. On Feb. 29 he received a birthday visit from his friend, Osie Drushel Feusier '27, who was pictured on page 29 of the Winter 2004 issue of *Wooster*.

**Bob McCalmon** recently traveled to Bermuda to see his daughter. He is still working and playing golf.

**Paul Shellhammer**, born on Mar. 15, 1912, is our oldest classmate, beating out **Lois Cook Barton** by six months. Paul traveled to Sarasota, FL, to visit his brother, who's 99.



**Fredericka Ahrens Cobren**

was happy to have her youngest brother come from Scotland to be with her on her birthday. Another brother, Jim Ahrens '41, arrived later. Jim and his family lived near us (the Van Bolts) in one of the prefabricated housing units for WWII veterans at the U of Chicago in the late 1940s.

**Wally Creighton** has another novel at the publisher. Each year Wally and **Ralph Immel** do us a very special favor: they call us on their birthdays.

We caught **Myra Schweininger Carpenter** in the midst of preparing for a trip to welcome another great-grandchild.

**Charlotte Beals Tasker** recently traveled to see **Blanche Craig Smith** in her apartment in Newburg, OR.

It took several tries to contact **Art Sadler, Brown Jenkins, Ruth Rifkenberick Suter, Josephine Miller Budde, Martha Fleming Snyder, and Art Collinson**. All spend a great deal of time taking part in the activities available at their retirement centers.

Only one call brought us that dreaded message: "The number you dialed is no longer in service." We then contacted a son to learn that **James Scotland** had died on Feb. 28 (see Obituaries).

For a number of years, Roger Van Bolt and **Bob Andrews** have corresponded regularly. This spring Bob wrote: "Every April I get a little fishing fever, so I go to the creek for suckers, carp, and small mouth bass. Today I took two Amish boys along. The only fish caught was a nice-sized white sucker, by the younger kid, who's not old enough to need a license. A game warden saw my parked car and checked us out. Senior citizens can fish for free, but we still need a license. The warden went to his car and determined that the boy was not lying about his age.

"Then he looked me over. 'How old are you?' he asked. I replied, 'Eighty-nine.' 'Were you in WWII?' he asked. 'Yes,' I said, 'for four years and four months, 11 months of combat in Europe.' The warden grasped my hand, shook it, and said simply, 'Thanks.'

"It made my day," Bob concludes.



## Small World of Woo

**Jane Donecker Booth '51** (right), now of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, belongs to the East Cooper Newcomers Club. Her neighbor, an excellent bridge player, came over one day and told Jane that **Naomi Wilkin Chave '36** (left), another Newcomers Club member (and talented bridge player), also graduated from Wooster. Jane looked up Naomi and has enjoyed getting to know her.

We just got the word that **Opal Hamilton Johnson** died in March. The deaths of Lawson, Jim, and Opal reduce our numbers to 104. We send condolences to the families.

With the recent gifts in memory of **Bob Brigleb**, the principal of our Class of 1937 Financial Emergency Fund now totals \$96,719.65. Kelly Pang '07 of Beijing, China, benefited from the fund this past school year.

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**1938** It was good to hear from **Stuart and Peggy Wilson Brown**. Last year they attended their granddaughter's high school graduation in Missouri and drove to California to visit their daughter, Peggy's brother, and a niece and their spouses. Last August they attended the reunion of Stuart's WWII bomber group. Salt Lake City entertained the veterans royally, and they met many interesting people. This busy couple plays nine holes of golf as often as weather permits, bowls with a senior group, and plays bridge three times a month. Their computer keeps them in touch with family and friends.

**Bill and Grace Hanna Arthur's** daughter, Kathryn, informed us of

Bill's death in December. We extend our sympathy to Grace and her family. She lives near her son, Bill Jr., in Nashville, TN.

Jean Stacy told us of the death of her father, **Art Muller**, on Dec. 9, 2003. These classmates will be sadly missed. (See Obituaries for both Bill and Art.)

**Louise Harris Southard** has moved (see address below). She is happy to be close to her former home and is able to have a dog. She keeps fit by swimming laps. Louise will take over from me (**Jeanne Lyle Kate**) as class secretary beginning with the fall magazine. Send her a few words about yourself. **LOUISE HARRIS SOUTHARD**, 950 Cherry St. Apt. 264, Memphis, TN 38117.

**1939** **C. Gordon and Roberta Ebright Fohl and Albine Farges Petrignani** attended Alumni Weekend in June. **Scott Behoteguy** was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award, in absentia (see page 9). **SARARUTH MOHUNDRO GRIMES**, 6 Branding Iron Ln., Palos Verdes, CA 90274-2501.

**1940** **Arthur Cowles** continues to be active in the university-affiliated Learning in Retirement, taking five courses a week last semester and

conducting occasional courses on literature, the Constitution, jazz, etc. He says he seems to be in better shape than his peers, but he's had both knees replaced. His surgeon says that Art probably could return to tennis, but he doubts that he will: he doesn't want to start with hip replacements! With children in Wooster, he visits occasionally.

**Charles Rath** reports that after 80 years without a major illness or replacement of body parts, he had two bouts with gallstones at the end of last year. This February he had two episodes of loss of consciousness, leading to the discovery of complete heart blockage and severe aortic stenosis. Losing his independence and ability to drive, he had valve and bypass surgery in April.

**Rachel Linnell Wynn** let me (**Florence**) know that Mary Young Thatcher '41, the wife of our longtime, hard-working co-secretary, **Frank Thatcher**, died on May 4. The memorial service was held at their Presbyterian church in Towson, MD. With Frank, Mary was devoted to Wooster and to our class as well as her own. We all express our sympathy to Frank.

In April **Marguerite Lane Bowden** wrote that she went with son Rich, his wife, and his wife's mother to Washington, DC. They saw the cherry blossoms at their peak and enjoyed good weather while seeing many sights. They also had dinner with **Edith Maslin Ronne**, who lives in Bethesda, MD.

Having read about *Independent Minds: The Campaign for Wooster*, Marguerite offers these thoughts, "The latest College fundraiser has as its single largest objective to 'increase the size of Wooster's endowments,' therefore 'gifts to both new and established funds will be needed.' Class members can contribute to the campaign by giving to Class of 1940 Scholarship Fund, continuing our impact on current and future Wooster generations."

During the 2003-04 academic year, the 1940 scholarship was awarded to Cary Smith '06 from St. Marys, Ohio. The principal in the fund is \$52,865.

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**1941** **Mary Wilcox Hughes** keeps in touch with **Marilynn Johnston Gruber**. The Grubers were packing to go to a retirement community when Pete Gruber '42 died. After a Christmas visit with her children in Los Angeles, Marilyn decided she wasn't ready for this step, so she returned to her home of 56 years in Binghamton, NY.

**Marian Roller Chilson** is recovering very well after a stroke in December. Husband Willy keeps in touch with **Dorrie Bennett** and **Bob Haring** and Willy's friend, Sid Burke. They have micro-reunions.

**Chris Bryson Kern's** last cancer test was clear. She still conducts poetry classes at the public library, and they have produced a book. She is also in a Writer's Roundtable and a "Group of Six," who meet and talk about the world, its problems, and possible solutions.

**Jan Roby Kerr** volunteers at Walter Reed Hospital. She says it's sad to see so many disabled men.

**Marian Smith Jaffray** wrote this spring, "I just talked to **Lee Culp**, who received a Distinguished Alumni Award during Alumni Weekend. The two others receiving that award are Scott Behoteguy '39 and John Smeltz '44, the brother of Jean Ricksecker Smeltz '42. The local Rotary Club raised \$30,000 for the W. L. Culp Scholarship Fund. We're very proud." See more on page 9.

We sadly report the death of our long-time class secretary and former campus pastor, **Jim Blackwood**. We'll miss him. An obituary will appear in the next issue.

**JEANNE SIMMONS BRAND**, 7093 Village Dr., Mason, OH 45040-9249.

**1942** I (**Celia**) have not received much news for a while, so I hope someone will call or write.

**Ilene Smith Kearns** wrote a nice note. She traveled to Arizona and Florida in January and March. In June she planned to go to her granddaughter's wedding on the beach in Ixtapa, Mexico. Ilene says,

"It will be fun and different!" Please tell us how it went, Ilene.

**Dorothy "Robie" Robins Mowry** sent an obituary from the *Washington Post* for **Harriet Savage Johnson**. Before Harriet went off to Drexel U, she was Robie's freshman and sophomore roommate.

We have lost two other classmates: **Eleanor Rogers Debolt** and **Helen Phillips Kaltenborn**. We send our sympathies to the families of each of these folks.

On a happier note, **Jim** and **Sally Bean** visited their children and grandchildren in France this spring. **CELIA RETZLER GATES**, 1446 Bellevue, Wooster, OH 44691, <rlgcmg@sssnet.com>.

**1943** Let's begin by correcting a note in the spring 2004 column, along with our apologies for the error. **Alice Robbins McVetty-Vars** and her husband (not Hu '39 and **Phoebe Houser Hunt**, as reported) attended the annual conference of the Association for Integrative Studies, where they discussed commonalities between interdisciplinary education as practiced in school (K-12), colleges, and universities. And it's Alice and her husband who enjoy attending the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

**Jean Loweth Fonda**, a widow, lives in a retirement home in Clarks-ville, IN. Her husband, Albert, was with the Defense Intelligence Agency and later was a travel agent. Jean worked for an oral surgeon and then with senior citizens. She was active in Girl Scouts and teen groups. One daughter is a biochemistry professor and researcher; the other is a counselor in Kansas. They all enjoyed camping and travel.

Knowing that **Fannie Tekushan Filkins** has Alzheimer's disease, I (**Ida**) wrote to her husband, Lyle, to see how she's doing. He says, "She continues to worsen but not dramatically. In a familiar, controlled environment, she does quite well, singing in the church choir, for instance." I was so glad to hear that Fannie's still singing.

**Jiny Lewis Bradley** and **Anne Freeman Conkle** got together recently and were reminiscing about



The wedding of Katie Pease '00 and Jeff Manghillis, Oct. 25, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Andrea Jorjorian '01, Josh Baird, Dan Parker, '98s, Marcus Fowler '01, Zach Gaskill, Ben Chalot '98; (Front) Angela Skaggs '01, Beth Huffman, Carolyn Firschak, '00s, bride, groom, Abbie Wesoloski '01, Beth Wunderly '00

Wooster and their round-robin group. They thought of those whom they've lost: **Nornie Dunlap Gross**, **Marse Stark Hughes**, **Bea Lockwood Funk**, and **Tillie Walker MacDonald**. Others in the group were: **Marnie Thomas Braeunig**, **Gwen Polen Stockdale**, **Willie Oliver Barr**, **Lucy Simon Hangstefer**, **Phoebe Hunt**, and **Louise "Lynn" Lincoln Halkett**. They dropped the round-robin letter about 10 years ago.

Why don't some of you robins write and tell me what's going on in your lives? Then I'll let the other robins know, as well as other classmates, in this column. And the rest of you, do the same! Please write. **IDA SNODGRASS ARTHURTON**, 1111 Johnsarbor Dr. W., Rochester, NY 14620-3637.

**1944** Some of the following notes should have appeared in the spring issue. Our editorial apologies!

It was good to hear that **Hank Miller** has recovered well from quintuple bypass surgery. This followed a trip with his wife, **Jinny Clark Miller**, son, David, and daughter, Pat, through the Panama Canal and then a cruise in orca country, north of the Straits of Georgia in British Columbia. Jinny says the highlight was "digging a ton of oysters and clams."

There's some more bad news, but what does one expect as the years take their toll? **Phyllis "Phid" Van Duzer Burger's** constant leg pains were diagnosed as severe spinal stenosis. That, coupled with husband Jim's hip replacement,

drastically curtailed their golf. Somehow, though, they managed two months in Florida, often on the links. And the annual trek to the Finger Lakes with Phid's sisters was not to be denied.

**Catherine "Kenny" Compton Chase** has her seventh grandchild, a girl, the daughter of son Sherret '72 and his wife, Kathleen. The new baby joins sister Page Kathleen (18), the daughter of Sherret and his first wife, Susan, who died of cancer.

Kenny reports an extravaganza in Washington to celebrate the Chases' 60th wedding anniversary. She continues to travel with husband Sherry wherever his projects call him — Washington or California. They take an annual driving treks to Tepotzlan, Mexico, to visit daughter Cici and her husband and to Cape Breton Island, the family stronghold. Kenny helped plan our 60th reunion.

**Pauline "Pauly" Brannan Dilfer** attended a niece's wedding in Baltimore and visited her 120-year-old family homestead. Her siblings came for the gathering, Pauly says. They had a trip down memory lane.

Age doesn't seem to deter **Marjorie "Ryd" Rydstrom Leonard**. She is still very involved with church work and the American Lung Association. Son Steve is busy with massage, hypnotherapy, and NLP (neuro-linguistic programming). Daughter Syd moved her store to a new and brighter location.

What a blessing for **Jeanette "Spreck" Sprecher Walter**. After the death of her first cousin, Jean Hunt, it seemed logical for Jean's husband, Frank, who was lonely and did not want to stay in New York, to



"camp" at Sprech's. It's an ideal arrangement: He trains and cares for Molly, Sprech's dog, who has recently become blind, and helps in general around the house, to say nothing of being a companion for Sprech.

It was back from St. Petersburg to the old hometown for **Carroll "Squeek" Reed Vickers**. She was looking for a house for her son in Lewiston, NY, the city where she and her husband had lived for 14 years. She thought she had the perfect place, but her son wasn't impressed. His lack of interest was Squeek's boon. She promptly bought the place and moved in — a stone's throw from where she and Bill lived.

**Anne Frasher Moore** sends the good news that heart surgery for her husband, Al, was postponed indefinitely. She and Al then took the trip of a lifetime — a 50-day cruise from Fort Lauderdale through the Panama Canal to South America, the Pacific islands and Hawaii, back to San Diego, and home to Sarasota. Al used a breathing machine and was able to do most shore excursions.

**Marjorie "Danny" Danforth Stafford** welcomed her first grandchild, Dylan Danforth Stafford.

Hank '42 and **Enid Robinson Totten** vacationed at Big Bend with daughter Diane and son-in-law Ed. The Tottens continue to swim, walk, deliver Meals on Wheels, and shelve books at the library, but they've given up golf.

I (**Anne**) was blessed with a second visit last year from my son, John, and new daughter-in-law, Sineth. My appreciation is unending — they made the arduous and expensive trek from Laos!

Son Elgin and I traveled north to Providence to watch my granddaughter graduate from Brown U. Then it was on to Auburn, NY, for a brief visit with my sister and her husband, followed by a short stay in Washington with my brother. I couldn't work in a shop at Wooster for our 60th, much to my regret. I hope to hear from all who attended.

For those who didn't make the reunion, I (**Russ**) will give you a bit of the flavor of the event. We had some relaxed sessions, especially our reception on Friday night at Gault Alumni Center. It was almost a fam-



Ev '48 (left) and Martha Jean Stoll Ballard '49 enjoyed a visit in April from Ron and Dede Bender Seaton, '47s.

ily feeling, seeing so many familiar faces after all those years. By my count, not including spouses, we had 24 class members — 13 men and 11 women — a pretty good turnout.

Our official master of ceremonies, **Roger Stoneburner**, and his wife, Jean Kely Stoneburner '47, came all the way from Texas. At our Wooster Inn lunch on Saturday, Roger talked in a warm and informal manner about his family's longstanding and deep relationship with the College. He told us that, had it not been for the influence of his father, Whitney, a former Wooster professor of education, Roger would have graduated in 1947 rather than in 1946. (He's now called "Burner" more frequently than the "Stoney" that we remember.)

Due to **Don Coates**'s good offices, we heard an excellent presentation by Greg Wiles (geology), a former student of Don's and devoted follower of the glacier research of **Ernie Muller**. Dr. Wiles reviewed the fascinating evidence that's being assembled on climate change over the past few hundred years, in part by analyzing tree ring samples from all over the world. Dr. Wiles and a couple of students were scheduled to fly out at 4 a.m. the next morning to gather more material.

Well-deserved honors were heaped on **John Smeltz** as he received the Distinguished Alumni Award. John "Jay" E. Smeltz Jr. '72 introduced his father with a touching speech (see page 9). John Sr.'s background is well-known to most of you, but I learned one new fact: He considers his main sport to be tennis. He would have gone out for the Wooster tennis team had it not conflicted with football practice.

Don Coates, our retiring class president, deserves a resounding vote of thanks — along with the 1944 reunion planning committee,

he hastens to point out. The planning was beautifully done and everything went smoothly!

Don is stepping aside in favor of our president-elect, **Bob Johnson**. Bob was elected by unanimous acclaim. He's smart, in excellent physical condition (ought to last out his term and then some), and lives less than an hour from Wooster. The only down side is that he's such an ardent bird watcher that he may try to enlist the class in his ornithological activities. Congratulations, Bob. We consider ourselves lucky.

I was elected to continue as men's class secretary; **Anne Melone Deidrick** will continue her excellent work as women's secretary.

Returning to the reunion, the first man I saw when I arrived and the last one I saw on Sunday was **Jim Thompson**. He was glowing after a large family reunion on the 1,400-acre farm in Kansas that his family used to inhabit. Jim is disgustingly healthy. He takes very few pills, mostly vitamins. He follows a regimen that only a mathematician would love, taking pills every day but Sunday (a day of rest?). Jim still rides his bike (though he's more wary of traffic), walks, and jogs.

**Al** and **Wealthy Spreng** drove to Wooster all the way from Rolla, MO, stopping in Pittsburgh to see the son of one of Al's former students. As they left their home, their cat made a bid for freedom. In an attempt to catch it, Wealthy suffered a serious fall. They even considered canceling their trip. However, Wooster spirit triumphed, and they bravely continued — only to have Al bitten on the leg by a dog on arrival. But he was determined to see Roger Stoneburner and John Smeltz, old football buddies, so he toughed it out. The Sprengs then drove back to Missouri in a single day. That says something about their dedication

and the kind of shape they're in.

I (**Russ**) toured Kauke Hall with **Bill** and Pat Workman '46 **Foxx**. (Bill still sports a Mephistophilian beard.) We heard the architects enthuse over their plans for renovating the hall's interior. The colors will be mostly earth tones, greens and browns. One room on the top floor — the "tower room" — still has its original wood. The plans are to restore it to exactly as it was in 1902.

**Bill and Helen Hibbs Bingaman** also traveled a long way to be with us — from Arizona. For over 20 years they've lived in the same excellent small town. The city has expanded to meet them: they now have a freeway close by and another under construction.

Bill provided a moving blessing for our class luncheon. His voice has lost none of its power. He still roots for the Diamondbacks but a little more cautiously. Hibbs still radiates energy and enthusiasm for life in general, despite a few back problems.

Then there's **Pete Hanna**. Pete was best man at the wedding of Bill and Helen; they've stayed in relatively close contact. (Lots of people see Pete as the best man in a variety of contexts, me included.)

We also had a surprise drop-in by Joel Pratt '43 on Friday night. He entered Wooster with us as a freshman in the fall of 1940. Joel lived with George Bradford (English) during his time at Wooster and credits Prof. Bradford with talking him into staying at Wooster as opposed to going to Ohio State U. Joel was hoping for word of Bruce Burns '45, who lived with him in Douglass during his freshman year. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Bruce is asked to get in touch with Joel.

**Ralph Miller**, who continues to work at his law firm in Cleveland, always was a hard man from whom to extract a quote. The best I could do was, "I'm a happy man — the last of the Mohicans," and "It's never too late to have a second childhood."

I had breakfast with **Bob Kendall**, reminiscing over his various encounters with **Charles "Hoot" Gibson**. Bob was escorted by his daughter, Lee, who has two daughters. One of them has a son (2), also named Bob, born on his



proud great-grandfather's birthday.

Bob claims to have mellowed over the years. He somehow got into the wrong dining area of the Wooster Inn and ended up eating one lunch with the Class of 1949 — "nice people to talk with," he says.

**Margaret Gibbons Lake** was escorted by a granddaughter. It's no wonder she has so many good pictures — her granddaughter helps take them. Margaret took some great shots during Alumni Weekend.

Margaret reports a busy year last year, with trips to San Francisco for husband Jim's granddaughter's wedding, another to Davenport, Iowa, for Margaret's grandson's wedding, back to California for Jim's 85th birthday celebration. A daughter, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren attended. Then there was Margaret's 80th birthday party with family and friends. Margaret dabbles in genealogy when she's not entertaining or visiting.

Another busy photographer at the reunion was **Fern Fisher Raff**.

I (Russ) shared with **Phyllis Johnson Havener** some WWII letters that I had written to a friend that mentioned **Bill Havener**.

**Marilynn Eccles August** came over to say hello on Saturday. Her husband, Bob August '43, is arguably the best writer that Wooster has produced. Marilynn says Bob even helps her with her own writing.

I (Russ) located **Jean "Scotty" McIntyre Troxel**, the classmate who lives closest to me, in Marlton. We shared stories of driving on the Pennsylvania and Ohio turnpikes.

A great time was had by all. Those who weren't there — we did remember you.

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**1945 Emily Kuhles Infield** and her husband, Ernie, now both reside at Sunrise Assisted Living, 1615 Cleveland Rd., Wooster. Emily was there for a few weeks last year. We hope they are both doing well.

Jack and **Jane Hoop Fithian** were two of my (Margaret's) Easter



The wedding of Julianne Joanna Duncan and Adam Patrick Price, '02s, Dec. 28, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Melissa Melvin '02, Cecilia Schoenfeld '01, Emily Arundel '02, bride, groom, Lindsay Lake (former trainer), Dan Dean, Jim Deprez, '02s; (Front) Elizabeth Kriynovich, Chris Locke, Brandon Mohr, Chuck Nusbaum, Nick Goffee, '02s

dinner guests. Jane had not been to Wooster since graduation, even though she's lived in Poland and Boardman, Ohio. My son, Mark '77 (the Fithians' son-in-law), drove us on a fabulous tour of the College. Jane was amazed to see the new buildings and the growth of the campus. She still has many wonderful memories. She really needs to attend the next class reunion!

That reunion, our 60th, is less than a year away! Start making plans now to attend! Don't miss it!

**MARGARET SHREVE REIMAN**, 1860 Burbank Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-2170.

**1946** We need news from you '46ers! I (Arol) hope the summer has provided delightful stories to share. Be safe and happy.

**AROL NOBLE ESCAMILLA**, 4974 Dafter Dr., San Diego, CA 92102-1362, phone/fax (619) 262-2128.

**1947** First, the weather report: The Colorado Plains are in a sixth year of drought. With just a bit more wind, we'll all be blown into North Dakota. **Viv Douglas Smith** writes, "Your weather may have reminded you, too, that 'Mankind exists on this planet by geological consent.'"

Second, the lack of correspondence seems to indicate that the

Class of 1947 has already blown away. Wherever you've landed, please write before harvest!

Now for some good news. **Clare Robinson Walker** is as active as ever, doing everything from "avoiding dusting" to volunteering in several good causes. Cleaning out mementoes, she found and sent a program for the Girls Chorus Town Hall concert of Mar. 1946. There we are, 60-plus voices, ready to sing Dvorak's "Sanctus," "Daffodils," "The Italian Street Song," and eight more pieces. Clare still sings. How many of you are lucky enough to do so?

Clare enjoyed one of the final trans-Atlantic voyages of the *Queen Elizabeth II* last August, after a week in the splendid city of London.

Viv Smith's annual holiday letter arrived in March, filled with its usual eclectic collection of little-known facts and fiction, such as: "Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it," from P. J. O'Rourke.

The Smiths were to be in Pensacola, FL, in May for the first reunion of a squadron formed in the 1940s. Dave and a buddy got the idea, and guess who's in charge.

One last note from Viv and Dave, who've lived near the nation's capital for 50 years: "Even after the most divided elections, we've seen our leaders peacefully giving up Air Force One and all that accompanies it to become just regular citizens,

overnight. Truly remarkable. May our elections be ever thus."

**Ron and Dede Bender**

**Seaton** attended a Presbyterian Mission Board meeting in Boca Raton in April, visiting friends along the way and seeing son Doug and his wife, Gayle. In Vero Beach, FL, the Seaton's stopped to see **Rich** and **Liz Webster Van Wagoner**. Liz took them on a tour of the area. In Sanibel they lunched with Ev '48 and Martha Stoll '49 Ballard (see photo, page 34).

**CORNELIA LYBARGER NEUSWANGER**, 32148 Hwy. 34, Wray, CO 80758, <cornelia1@mailstation.com>, and **EDITH BENDER SEATON**, 102 Greenbrier Dr., Hinton, WV 25951, <ronedseaton@citynet.net>.

**1948 Evelyn Fischer Hewett** recently attended her 48th Elderhostel, near Sharpsburg, MD. She is an expert weaver, filling orders from family and friends. She brought home llama wool from Peru and uses that in some of her special items. Evie also dons a period costume and leads school tours at the nearby McKinley Presidential Library.

**Margaret "Jij" Chaffee** participates in an in-house TV cooking show. Her specialty is vegetarian cooking. Last fall she encountered hurricanes on a cruise to Bermuda. More recently Jig was off to Ireland. She met **Jean Harris Kaidy** in Dublin, where Jean was visiting a friend (see photo, page 36).

More news from **Jane "Scotty" McIntosh Pearce**. The Christmas Danube trip was all that she anticipated, and she was home in time for Christmas Day with family. She also joined a community effort to provide Christmas dinner to shut-ins. January was spent in Delaware helping her sister recover from hip surgery. In March and April, Scotty was off to Florida to avoid the harsh winter in Ottawa.

After a successful recovery from a hip replacement, **Marian Loehlin Davies** was back in the hospital with a blood clot. She and husband Richard went ahead with moving day and now enjoy life in a beautiful retirement facility.

We're sorry to learn of the death



of **Mary Weygandt**. The class extends sympathy to Mary's cousin, **Nancy McKee**, and the family.

**Ann Dorfman Brundage** wrote about the death of Rita McEntegart Pratt '47. Some of you may remember her (see Obituaries).

Ann is a dedicated member of Community Bible Study, an international group. She and her husband enjoy going to plays, concerts, and sports events.

**Alfreda Diggs Aldridge** has entered the real estate business. (Aren't we supposed to be retired?)

**Donajeane Swartz Durkin** took a spring break from the winter home in Florida and visited family in Atlanta. Two sons there are in partnership, running The John Powers School, carrying on the family business.

The Class of 1948 Scholarship for this past academic year was awarded to Adeley Mensa-Bonsu '05 of Geneva, Switzerland. Our fund principal now totals over \$124,000.

In Bakersfield, CA, **Jim Patterson** celebrated 11 years as pastor of Kern City Community Church. He's been an ordained Presbyterian minister for 52 years and says he still loves it.

It was good to hear from **Sue Steffa Neptune**. Her husband, Bob, died three years ago, after a 55-year marriage. Fortunately, her three children live nearby. Sue lives in Westerville, Ohio, practically next-door to Worthington, where my (Mel's) son, Dan, lives. Sue and I hope to get together during my next trip to Ohio.

**Joyce Jarman Little** has 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She still plays bridge and participated in a tournament at Hilton Head, NC. Her team "did well." Joyce writes, "Because I'm nuts, I'm still selling real estate." Keep it up, Joyce. That keeps you young.

**Carolyn "Callie" Gieser Lundgren** writes from Niles, MI, that library volunteer work has "made me learn some 'computer-ing.'" She also mentions her precious grandchild, who lives in Petosky, MI. Callie sent a beautiful card painted by her daughter, Cyndy Callog. Cyndy has been a professional artist for 25 years and has a contract with

Sunrise/Hallmark cards.

**Birdie Lawrence Frey** recently returned to Indianapolis after a whirlwind trip to Florida. There Birdie and Dick had lunch with **Kathy Fravel Funk**. Same wonderful Kathy, reports Birdie.

To celebrate her husband's 80th birthday, **Kay Deen Porter** and Alex took a memorable cruise in the western Caribbean and through the Panama Canal. This summer they'll be back in British Columbia, sailing the coastal waters in their boat (which the McDonalds enjoyed a few years ago).

**BETSY COWLES SPRENKLE**, 380 S. Las Flores Dr., Nipomo, CA 93444-9629, <sprenkle@best1.net>, and **MEL SNYDER McDONALD**, 30507 Rue de la Pierre, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, <melmacrpy@cox.net>.

**1949** Our 55th reunion was a great time. We wish that more of you had been there. Space prevents me (**Evelynn**) from listing the names of those who attended. Check the College Web site, <www.wooster.edu>. Click on "alumni," then "reunions and events," then "1949."

To **Gretchen Shafer** and the planning committee for their excellent work — thanks so much! Our new president is **Cy Satow**, and **Nova Brown Kordalski** is the vice president. I remain class secretary, a job that I love. Please remember to send me your news and opinions.

Cy also sends thanks to Gretchen and her committee for a "memorable reunion." He notes, "We enjoyed great meals, sightseeing on campus, and catching up with old friends. Thanks to the Alumni Office for the excellent arrangements and for making sure that we got to the right places at the right times. We really missed those who could not be with us. Hope to see you in 2009!"

Two class members who were only with us our first year came to the reunion, **Clara Delis Corogin** and **Eleanor Heaps Thompson**. They have kept in contact with each other since their year in Douglass Hall. It was such a delight to see them, the years just fell away.

Clara lives in Huron, Ohio. In

Jean Harris  
Kaidy (left)  
and Margaret  
"Jij" Chaffee,  
'48s, at The  
Hairy Lemon  
pub in Dublin,  
Ireland



addition to English, she speaks Greek and French fluently. She has been in the travel business, escorting groups to many places. At the reunion luncheon, she was asked to translate for the son of a member of the Class of 1934, who had come from France for the reunion. How special that Clara was there to do that.

Eleanor lives at 5713 Delta Rd., Delta, PA 17314. Her late husband was a farmer. Eleanor has been the organist for 50 years at the Slate Ridge Presbyterian Church, has taught piano and organ, and was a teacher's assistant in recent years. She earned a B.S. from Maryland College for Women. We hope to see both Clara and Eleanor at our 60th reunion in 2009.

**Alice Spohrle Gabriel** lives in Washougal, WA. She graduated from the U of Cincinnati in 1950 and worked for Procter and Gamble as mathematician, was a homemaker, a journalist (I would love to hear more about that), and a librarian before she retired. She has four children.

**Marilyn Wade Landefeld** lives in Unit 202, 19375 Cypress Ridge Terr., Lansdowne, VA 20176-5183. She has directed choirs all over the U.S.A. Her last group was the Christian School of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA — 92 members from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Art is now Marilyn's passion, pen and ink and watercolors.

Marilyn entered Wooster as an art major and switched to music education. She belongs to the Decorative Painters and enjoys their enthusiasm. Marilyn and her husband live in Leisure World, near their sons and their families. They see their eight children and 15 grandchildren often.

**Liz Sgourkis Von Halle** says, "I read class notes religiously, no pun

intended. I had hoped to attend the class reunion but 'the best laid plans...' My husband and I will head for California to visit our first-born son, who will be 50 on June 5.

"I came to Oak Ridge National Laboratory just after graduation. Warren P. Spencer (biology), my major professor, had communicated with William K. Baker '41, genetics professor at the U of Tennessee in Knoxville and a consultant at Oak Ridge. Dr. Baker needed a technician to conduct experiments on the genetic effects of radiation on fruit flies.

"So, a few days after graduation, I was trying to adjust to the Tennessee twang. I kept asking, 'Would you repeat that, please?' I enjoyed the job, the people, the climate, and the nearby Smoky Mountains.

"I planned to get a Ph.D., but then I met Ed Von Halle. We've been happily married since 1952. We've lived here all this time, except for a period in 1966, when Ed was invited to work at a nuclear research center in Karlsruhe, Germany.

"We have three sons, in California, Colorado, and Kentucky, and three grandchildren. Ed, New York City born and bred, had difficulty adjusting to the South at first. That city boy became a Boy Scout troop leader and remained one until after our boys graduated from college!

"A local community college and the Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning and Education offer a wide variety of classes. We usually take five courses each per quarter."

**Myndret "Mini" Busack** also couldn't attend the reunion, due to grandchildren's graduations, etc.

As we were leaving campus, **Dorothy "Dopey" Swan Reuman** gave me a pertinent note that her Dad used at weddings: "Shared joys are doubled joys, and shared sorrows



## Help Find Your Lost Classmates

### Class of 1952

Ellis A. Allbee  
George P. Allen  
Robert D. Armstrong  
William H. Blackwood  
Harry R. Burton  
Howard C. Busack  
Dennis C. Campbell  
William Duane Clark  
William Calvin Crothers  
Rosaltha Lucille Donohue  
Sylvia Joan Fejervary  
Lloyd N. Gardiner  
Noel Hazanow  
Edmundo N. Herrera  
Pauline P. Johnson  
J. Timothy Mackey  
James G. Moore  
John Robert Radabaugh  
John D. Ray  
Charles J. Riggle  
John Ernest Rose  
Stanley A. Smith

Ronald Murray Williams

### Class of 1953

Nancy C. Chalfant  
Robert Chang  
Sarah Huntington  
Guadalupe  
Lauretta Wells Halley  
Harriet Frances Hockey  
Martha Lukens Hooper  
Mary Louise Johnson  
Carolyn G. Magoon  
Marilyn Alice Ostrander  
Margaret B. St. John  
Keith C. Stevens  
Arden W. Watson

### Class of 1957

Noe Adarme  
Lois J. Berger  
Kenneth D. Bryan  
Anthony J. Cardwell  
Gordon R. Chrislip  
Robert Jane Crawford  
Nancy Lou Curry

John D. Davis  
Nancy P. Dudley  
Eleanor Mae Eastman  
Marilyn Elaine Eisenberg  
David M. Figg  
Richard D. Gowin  
Gervas M. Hinn  
Natalie E. Klardie  
Thomas K. Knoke  
Olimpo Lozana  
Robert L. Lyons  
Helen L. McHenry  
Brenton R. Rabe  
Ronald H. Slade  
Craig M. Smalley  
Richard D. Vollrath  
Caroline A. Watson  
Mildred Webb  
John D. Wilson  
Frederick S. Wolf  
Wilfred Y. M. Wong  
Bronislav Zajbert

### Do you have information about your friends?

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are halved sorrows." Here's one sorrow that we share.

**Gwyneth Davies Dunn's** husband, Stan, died on Mar. 13 of pulmonary fibrosis. We send our loving sympathy to Gwen and the family. Their great-grandson was baptized on Apr. 25, and Stan was so looking forward to that event. The Dunns attended almost all of our reunions, and Stan was a part of our Wooster family. He will be greatly missed. Their children and spouses performed much of the music at the memorial service. Stan was interred at Arlington National Cemetery. Send your condolences to Gwen at 4008 Quintana St., Hyattsville, MD 20782-2114.

Angelene Frazier sends a remembrance of her late husband, church music director **Robert Frazier** (see Obituaries): "Over 50 years, while providing classical and traditional sacred music, Bob carved new paths of religious expression with integrity. When musical styles changed, he enabled the use of guitars and drums in worship." We send our condolences.

**EVELYNN CHEADLE THOMAS**, 169 Bayview Circle, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, <eethomas@mailbug.com>.

**1950** Have you ever gone to a funeral with old friends and said, "We should

get together in good times, too?" With two deaths to report, I (**Jay**) feel that way now. Please write or call (sorry, there's no e-mail here) with the good things that happen in your lives — new or expanding hobbies, volunteer pursuits, retirement moves — all can be shared with classmates as we travel through our golden (sometimes not so golden) years.

**Nancy Fischer Caldwell** tells us of the two losses. **Lynne Geib Bowman** died in early November after a brief illness, and **Dotty Daw Mathers'** husband, Bill, died in December. Our sympathy goes out to both families.

Nancy had a seven-week stay in Houston last fall for a knee replacement. But she's back at golf now. She sometimes plays with a friend of mine who lives in the same community, Big Sandy, TX. Nancy also volunteers her nursing skills at a clinic in nearby Tyler.

**Jim and Jean Dutch Webster** claim that "uneventful" describes their 2003 — that's not all bad! They did have a grandson's wedding and children who moved across the country. Jean still serves as clerk of session in their Presbyterian church as well as other assignments. (As the moderator of 30 deacons in an aging and very mobile summer congregation, I can relate to what that entails!)

Jean still does quilting. If you remember, she brought a project to work on to our 45th reunion and attracted a number of quilters from our class. Jim still uses his wood-working and carpentry skills. He's very involved with a friend's major home renovation. He has also gotten into propagating holly and rhododendron bushes. He's got a greenhouse full and is active in the national holly society.

Does that sound "uneventful?"

I hope that many of you were alerted by e-mail or snail mail to the History Channel's presentation of "Rescue at Dawn: The Los Banos Raid" in mid-February. It was a fascinating and poignant tale of the rescue of hundreds from the internment camp in the Philippines, where **Tom Bousman** and his missionary family were held for over three years. Tom was a teenager then. He and his younger sister, Mab Bousman Voelkel '56, narrated the two-hour show, along with other internees and military personnel who were their rescuers. It was truly a gripping tale.

**Ruth "Rande" Randall Plympton** has moved back to the home she built in Georgia, after two years in California. Friends and family welcomed her. She was already entertaining, while in the midst of repairing damage done to her home by renters.

**JANICE WILSON GEORGE**, 19476 N. Coyote Lakes Pkwy., Surprise, AZ 85374.

**1951** Your secretary from Connecticut (**Ruth Ann**) goes through the summers with a mild case of basketball withdrawal. The 2003-04 season was up and down for both teams from the U of Connecticut, but what joy we had when the men and women were victorious in the Final Four and brought home a double championship.

**Joel Davis** and I had one late-winter, off-season week on Cape Cod, where we made the rounds of many of the good used bookstores. Another week in late April we spent in the lake region of New Hampshire, setting up at Burlwood Antiques, the well-known barn in Meredith. People lined up for the

opening day of the season on May 1 and made a mad dash for the items they had spotted earlier in the week, before buying was permitted. The ice had just gone out on Lake Winnepesaukee five days before our arrival, but we were blessed with a couple of warm days to do yard work around the family cottage.

**Jane Donecker Booth** enjoys the stimulation of a book club and reading to first graders who need help, as a Rotary Reader. This program hopes to help children find pleasure in reading. Jane's first love, music, remains part of her life, but she's now on the listening end.

Jane and Fred live only six miles from Charleston, with the opportunity to walk the beaches of the Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island. Jane has already planned a family visit to Ohio so that she'll be able to make our 55th reunion in 2006. See more about Jane on page 32.

In response to a request for news about roommates, **Janne Staller Platt** writes, "When I was a freshman, my roommates were **Lois Martin (Ganyard)**, **Margery Gillespie (Wicker)**, and **Janet Goembel**. We learned that sophomores were having a meeting to plan the freshman run-out. We all went to the Agricultural Experimental Station (now the OARDC) and procured some white rats. These were put in a tennis ball can and placed in the auditorium before the next meeting, propped up against one of the seats.

"We waited anxiously the next morning but never heard a word about what happened! A real let-down. So if there's anyone in the Class of 1950 who was there — what happened?"

Janne and her husband, Calvin, are still traveling. Calvin is on the board of the Cultural Landscape Foundation. "Since the director won the Rome Prize, the next board meeting is in Rome," says Janne. We rented a house in Cortona (Tuscany) for two weeks following the meeting and will be joined by our daughter, Andrea, and her family, our son, David, and several good friends.

"Then Calvin's firm, the SWA Group, has a partner's meeting in Vancouver that includes the spouses.





Paul Curtis revisited Korea for the first time since the 1950s — as a civilian.

## Korea Says Thanks

by Paul Curtis '52

Last fall I was privileged to take an eight-day military revisit to South Korea. There were about 110 American veterans in the group. The South Korean government treated us like royalty. Except for a discounted airfare, all the expenses were paid — a first-class hotel, meals, bus tours, a medal, etc. We were unable to visit old battlefields, as they're now in the Demilitarized Zone. In any case, they're all overgrown with trees.

We were all overwhelmed with the country. Everything was so different from our wartime experience. The only thing I recognized was the Old South Gate of Seoul, which I caught a glimpse of from the bus. Incheon is a large, bustling port city that has no relationship whatsoever with the Incheon I remember, as I climbed down ropes into a landing craft in 1953. I was drafted after graduation and sent to Korea as an infantry replacement. I served as a corporal in the Fifth Regimental Combat Team and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

The South Korean government uses these revisits to thank those of us who helped save their country 50 years ago and to show the world what they've accomplished since then. I have no quarrel with that. They, in turn, deserve our admiration and our thanks for the chance to visit.

In August we will attend the wedding in Sweden of two good friends who are wine consultants. He's from Bordeaux, and she is from Stockholm."

**Mary Russell Weber** is ready to return to the dance floor to fox trot, waltz, tango, and jitterbug. She writes, "In January I got two new knees at The Cleveland Clinic. After

10 days in rehab, my cousin was nice enough to let me stay in her first-floor bedroom. My kids came at various times, and I finally got well. That surgery is not for the faint-hearted, but now I can walk and do things I haven't done in years."

**Bill Coleman** has been receiving chemotherapy for lymphoma since mid-December. He gets a lot of sup-

port and assistance from his friends and fellow hikers. He's very optimistic and has retained his humor: "I've lost about 50 pounds and may have a new career as a male model, Mr. Twiggly!" Bill would appreciate hearing from you.

**Ken** and Florence Jackman '50 **Shafer** have moved from Columbus to 4387 Deer Creek Dr., Wooster, OH 44691-7421. "We wanted to be near our son, Ken '75, who is a cardiologist with the Wooster branch of The Cleveland Clinic," Ken says. "Wooster surely has changed. We are still in the city limits, about three miles north of campus in a subdivision called Deer Creek. It's way north of the Children's Home on Burbank Road, which used to be out in the country. We have a very pleasant one-story home with a full basement and lots of storage room." Thanks, Ken, for keeping us informed about the changes in Wooster.

In Yellow Springs, Ohio, **Sam Bachtell** keeps playing tennis, participating in community projects, and traveling. He enjoyed a trip to Miami Beach, the Everglades, Key West, and Marco Island early last year. Then he went on his "fourth annual Elderhostel birding trip to Chincoteague, on the eastern coast of Virginia, to observe the migration of thousands of shore birds, as well as the famous wild ponies (who do not migrate!)." Sam also traveled to Canmore, Lake Louise, Banff, and Jasper and walked on the Athabasca Glacier in the Canadian Rockies.

He continues, "I probably spent more time this year on the tennis court than ever before, in temperatures ranging from 30 to 95 degrees. The Antioch College courts are just one block from my house. At four each afternoon, in suitable weather, between four and 12 men and women of all ages and abilities show up. After each set, we spin our racquets to mix up the foursomes.

"The Community Improvement Corp., of which I am a member, achieved a breakthrough in our pursuit of a commerce park in town. The Village Council charged us with the responsibility of buying land and finding a developer and allocated us \$200,000 for the land."

"Whenever I receive Wooster

magazine, I go promptly to the Class of 1951 notes," writes **Bill Metzger**. "One really dumb thing that I did while in college (and I had lots of company) was to mail laundry home — especially shirts, which were returned starched and ironed, to wear to class with a necktie."

Metz and his wife, Jean, went to Arizona on their annual trip. He reports, "The high point of Tucson was the Jazz-a-thon put on by the Arizona Jazz Academy. This is an annual event where the students performing artists. An 11th grader named Chris flawlessly played the Benny Goodman solo in 'Begin the Beguine.' Jean had already made friends with his mother, and we chatted after the show."

**Ann Menold Kenney** is going on a trip in September. Ann, please send us a photograph or two and details after you've returned. Ann's grandson just graduated from Clemson, and her oldest granddaughter, Courtney, "finished her junior year at Aix-en-Provence in France. She will finish her senior year at Furman next June."

The dates for our class reunion are June 8-11, 2006, Thursday to Sunday. Please mark your calendars. President **Don Van Cleef** is seeking classmates for a reunion committee. Contact him to volunteer.

We (**Mas** and Ruth Ann) are going to employ more aggressive tactics to contact you for news, especially those of you who have not yet had your 15 minutes of fame. We'll not make any home visitations, and we'll ask for news, not funds!

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**1952 Al Sysma** is retired after 28 years with the federal government and 20 years at the county level. He and Kay have traveled to Finland, Hawaii, and Florida. Al's hobbies are crossword puzzles, golf, math, and physics.

**John Zion** and his wife, Georgia Ann, also enjoy retirement. They have three children, seven grandchil-



dren, and four great-grandchildren. They say, "Hi!" to those couples who lived in the stadium units.

**Lou and Lou Wollenberg** report a great Wooster year. They took advantage of the offer of a condo in Ft. Myers, FL, in January. Lou says, "We told Mac '49 and Ethel Toth '53 McGhee that we were coming. Ethel advised us about a Wooster gathering in Sarasota and told us that Mark and Pris Gallinger Allen, '53s, were near us in Ft. Myers. We visited with the Allens several times, went to the Sarasota gathering, and had a ball. **Hal Bowman, Dick May, Frank Cook**, and numerous others were there. On the way back north, we stopped in Sun City to have dinner with **Dave and Joyce Palmer**."

Lou is still retired but does the things he enjoys doing, church-wise, he says. "I'm currently helping a Disciples of Christ congregation look for a new pastor. Keeps me active and focused."

The following news was scheduled to appear in the spring issue, but somehow got lost in our editorial "system." Our sincere apologies.

**Giles and Marty Massey Walker** are doing well in Helena, MT. Giles continues to volunteer with the Talking Book Library and does research and writing for the historical society. He became a proficient painter and all-around builder, helping daughter Karen build a home east of the city. Marty continues to paint and pursue her church interests. She also attends some classes at Carroll College.

**NANCY CAMPBELL BROWN**, 1220 Portage Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-2042, and **WARREN M. SWAGER JR.**, P. O. Box 955, Sheridan, MT 59749-0555, <wswager@3rivers.net>.

**1953** The class is so proud of one of our secretaries, **Nona Taylor**, who received the John McKee Volunteer Award at the Alumni Association meeting in June (see page 9). Nona has served as class secretary for over 30 years!

The 2003 Christmas letter from **Sylvia Spencer Petrie** and Paul was great. Paul the poet contributed "Cat and Mouse," a cautionary tale in which the sadistic cat toyed too

long with the captured mouse: "Gathering up his appetite, the mouse ate up the cat./The moral of this tale — note: losers win when winners gloat."

**Sally Pomeroy Trubulsi** wrote in February of major, sad events in her life. Her father (95), whom she cared for, died on Christmas Eve. One month later, Sally's daughter, Peggy '79, succumbed to an especially debilitating form of MS (see Obituaries and Taking Note, inside cover). "The two deaths are, of course, blessings, though one still feels the loss and sadness," Sally says. Sally and Don had a great time at our reunion last June, but Don had a stroke just after returning home to Michigan. He's coming along well.

**Ron Price** and **Keith Shearer** traded news recently on the College golf course. Keith told Ron that he and **Freddy Beamer Shearer** have downsized to a much smaller home in Wooster. Freddy is not well but made the move successfully. Their new address is 4532 Hunters Chase, Wooster, OH 44691.

Ron told Keith that he got married in Florida, to a dear family friend named Bev. When I (**Nona**) wrote to ask him about it, Ron replied, "Yeah! I did it! Said I wasn't going to, but I up and did it any-

way." Sounds like a happy decision.

An excited voice on the other end of the line was seeking information on what to do next. **Ted Fredley** was retiring and wondered if it would be as golden as advertised. (What I [**Don**] worried about was whether the stock market would slump once word of his retirement reached the big board.) I knew that Ted would not only endure, he'd triumph. Sure enough, he plans to visit offspring, remodel yet another corner of his and **Carolyn MacArdel Fredley's** house, and travel.

**Fred Wollerman** has begun a new challenge as stated supply minister, almost in my (Don's) backyard, leaving his misty mountaintop in Virginia for the hazy desert of Imperial Valley near Salton Sea, in California. We've discussed plans to meet for his new region's famous rodeo and barbecue in November. Fred still remarks on the Big Reunion, its exemplary planning and execution.

At last word **Gwen Griffith Wright** was dodging late snowflakes and early wildfires near Denver. Much of her activity centers on Boulder, where she presents workshops on spirituality and reenactments of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a 19th century feminist and suffragist.

The music world is still stirring

with the talents of **George Buckbee**, who wrote from his icy abode in Finland. In January George was in Stockton, CA, directing sold-out concerts of St. John's Chamber Orchestra playing Sibelius, Bach, and a requiem by a current British composer, plus other works. Last November he conducted *The Nutcracker* in Stockton. Back in Finland, George conducted former students in recitals and sang the Bach *Magnificat* with a Swedish language chorus. He'd love to hear from classmates at <finn.fan@kolumbus.fi>. **DON ORR**, 13460 Marlette Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638-2813, <DorrScot@aol.com>, and **NONA S. TAYLOR**, 110 Echo Way, Statesboro, GA 30458, <nstaylor@frontiernet.net>.

**1954** The BIG one has come and gone. We were the youngest looking 50th reunion group that ever presented itself! Out of 214 classmates, 75 showed up. Most stayed in Luce Hall, wanting to relive their years of hard beds and common bathrooms. Other stayed at the Hampton Inn. Everywhere there were little clumps of us conversing and reminiscing.

Things kicked off on Thursday evening with a reception and an indoor barbecue, because of huge



A Class of 1953 mini-reunion in Florida in Jan. 2004. Back row (left to r) John Smith, Ron Price, '53s, Dick Carter '52, Don Leber, Rich Doerbaum, Bob Atwell, '53s, Lou Wollenburg '52, Dan DeArment '53; (Third row) Jo Fravel Leber '53, Bev Inge, Mark Allen, Hal Bowman, Frank Cook, '53s; (Second row) Pris Gallinger Allen, Dorothy McGrew Schirtzinger, Tom Hughart, '53s, Gloria Hughart, Kathy Doerbaum, Ethel Toth McGhee '53; (Front) Dottie Wettstone Carter, Arden Brock Yakimo, Gordon Taylor, '53s, Mac McGhee '49, Lou Wollenburg, Vicky May, Dick May '53, Sue Cook



rains. We returned to Luce for more co-mingling. **Gordon Hall** coordinated a large display of memorabilia. The bartender disappeared, but **Bob Beidler** saved the day with an opener retrieved from his car.

On Friday there were faculty lectures, walking tours, explanations by President Hales. The day culminated in a gala dinner and dancing at the Greenbriar Center. Co-presidents **Jack and Sue Reed Wakeley** announced that 110 of us old grads contributed over \$801,000 to the College, as Jack put it, "to give back for what we have so richly received." (See page 9.)

We elected **Ross and Cinny Stetson Gooch** as class co-presidents; Gordon Hall will do an exceptional job as secretary. **Paul Clark** gave hilarious reminiscences of our life at Wooster. **Tom Wise** led us in the "Wooster Love Song."

On Saturday morning, after breakfast at Lowry and the presentation of our gift, we marched through the arch to Gault Recital Hall for awards to distinguished alumni. At lunch President Hales told us how he first learned of Wooster, while working with the late **Bob Voelkel**, who was dean at the time. Dr. Hales reminded us that **Jim Baroffio** received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1986.

Dr. Hales compared our college days to college life now. Co-ed dining was instituted when we were in school, occurring each weekday evening. Men wore jackets, women had to be appropriately dressed. No favoritism was given in the seating to those pinned or even engaged. Our brotherhood meals of soup and bread are still in place today. (Do you remember how much more pizza was sold in Wooster on those nights than at any other time?)

The chapel fines that we and others paid have now grown into the Hans Jenny Fund of \$350,000, managed by student economics majors and investment advisers. Student aid assisted 33 percent of our class, now it's about 95 percent.

**Jane Wyckoff Watson** got to the reunion late, having been delayed by a broken arm suffered while playing basketball with her grandson (7).



In this 1951 Index photo, Marge Kunart '52 (far left), WCW program director, and Lou Wollenberg '52, station manager, receive the signal from chief engineer Bob Smith '51 to go on the air.

## Calling All Broadcast Media Professionals with WCWS Roots

WCWS Radio wants to celebrate its history by recognizing the accomplishments of station alumni. All former WCWS staff members who have worked or are working in broadcast media are asked to send an 8x10 color photo along with a description of their professional experiences for inclusion in a WCWS alumni gallery just outside of the radio station in Wishart Hall. Please send items to: John Finn, Director of Public Information, The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, 44691, or contact John at (330) 263-2145 or <jfinn@wooster.edu>.

For all of you who met your mate at Wooster, we planted and dedicated the Trees of Love and Romance on campus (see page 10).

Co-president and athletic chair **Jim Ewers** arranged a golf outing, blew us away, and donated his prizes to the runner-up.

We had a real treat after dinner. **Syl Buttrey Huning** performed on the violin in her clown costume and told us about her trip to Russia with Patch Adams. She visited hospitals and homes there, brightening the day for many people. Then **Tom Wise** led us on guitar in singing all the oldies that we used to sing on the library steps.

For those with time left over, there was the opportunity to attend the Ohio Light Opera. The reunion committee made all of this possible. The Wakeleys, Gooches, and Gordon Hall worked especially hard. The rest of us, **Bob Ackerman, Barb Bourns, Don Elliott, Jim and Ruthie Peterson Ewers, Bob Hilty, John Howey, Hugh McCullough, Fran and Sue Jacobs Park**, and Jane Watson simply tried to each do our jobs. We missed those of you who could not make it. But you can order a booklet of our activities since college, memories, etc., from the Alumni Office for \$6.00.

While parting was bittersweet, the 55th may be as good as the 50th.

See you there! Thanks for giving me (**Hugh McCullough**) the opportunity to serve as your secretary.

**GORDON HALL**, 33074 Hidden Hollow Ct., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, <gragoret1@aol.com>.

**1955** Our reunion is less than a year away! It's hard to believe that it's been 50 years since Wooster. Each of us has many stories, some for telling. If you have not made plans to come next June, consider this a special invitation. You'll enrich the celebration.

Wylda and **Dick Morey** planned to take in the sights in and around southern California this spring. They live in Missouri, near one of their children. Dick teaches an adult Sunday school class at their church. He has used Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose-Driven Life* (Zondervan, 2002), a 40-day program for small groups. The Moreys live at 409 Sugarland Dr., Pleasant Hill, MO 64080.

**Carol Cobb Seemann** shares the news of the death of her husband, David Katsanis, last July. He and Carol were at our 45th reunion. David had a very active life beyond work, with ice and ballroom dancing as well as skiing. Carol praises the work of hospice as David succumbed to cancer. One of his last wishes was to have his ashes spread over his favorite ski areas, Vail, CO,

and Blackcomb and Whistler, BC. So Carol made sojourns to those spots.

Carol visited August '54 and **Mary Leichty White** and **Caryl Triebig Wells** in California. Upon her return, she had a pacemaker put in. Here's to good health, Carol!

Returning home from Arizona last winter, we (Bill and **Margie Pardee Petersen**) stopped in Las Cruces, NM, to see **Dottie Hinegardner Andress** and Jim '54. We had a delightful visit. They showed us the White Sands Missile Range and National Monument — fascinating. The dunes (not sand, but gypsum) look like traditional dunes but are wet underneath the surface.

Congratulations to **Betsy Sands Kocher**, who's been with California Lutheran U for 30 years. She was recognized in May at an honors dinner. Betsy spent most of her time at CLU with the student loan department, as director and acting director. She and husband Bob live in Thousand Oaks, CA. Her two sons and daughter are all married; she has five grandchildren. **MARGARET PARDEE PETERSEN**, Route 1, Box 232, Mazeppa, MN 55956, <wepmvp@aol.com>, and **FRAN BAUER PARKER**, 715 S. Webster St., Jackson, MI 49203-1637, <frparker@ameritech.net>.

**1956** **Lee Lybarger** and Hilary Jones '02 were two members of a four-person group to travel to Somoto, Nicaragua, in January. They went with other members of First Presbyterian Church of Delaware, Ohio. The group's mission was not to evangelize but to establish communication and exchange information in an attempt to build a mutual faith with a sister church, Mt. Zion Baptist. The Americans resided, ate, and worshipped with the Nicaraguans.

We were sad to hear of the death of **Beverly Mellon Erzen** of Houston, TX, on Apr. 12. Bev was at Wooster for two years and then earned an L.V.N. Our sympathy goes to Bev's husband, John, daughters, Sherrie Schurman and Lorrie Phillips, stepdaughters, Frankie Wilson and Lanell Rubenbaur, seven grandchildren, and her brother,



David '53 and his wife, **Nancy Orahood Mellon**, of Ormond Beach, FL. Bev's first husband, Paul Storm '53, died previously.

Your secretary (**Pat**) spent many exciting evenings again this winter following the Fighting Scots basketball team. Coach Steve Moore and his staff continue to bring talented young athletes to the College and give them the opportunity to take their skills to an even higher level. **PAT YOUNG**, 464 E. Highland Ave., Wooster, OH 44691-9249, <Pjyoung52@aol.com>.

**1957** Not too much news to report this time. You all must be very busy and enjoying life! Please write when you can, or log onto the Wooster Web page and enter your news.

**Gordon Wright**, music director, emeritus, of the Fairbanks Symphony and Arctic Chamber Orchestras, has been appointed principal guest conductor of the Keys Chamber Orchestra in Florida. He conducted his second season of concerts with the orchestra, founded five years ago by Keys musicians and residents.

Since leaving the Alaskan orchestras in 1989, Gordon has been an active guest conductor, with five visits to Japan and concerts in New York, Anchorage, Norway, and Bulgaria. He will celebrate his 70th birthday and 35th anniversary in Alaska on Oct. 31, when he appears as guest conductor of the Fairbanks Symphony.

Also a composer and arranger, Gordon programmed his 1999 "Meditation for Orchestra" in the Keys. Audiences in Fairbanks will hear his "Toccata Festiva." Both pieces are Fairbanks Symphony commissions. For more information, contact Gordon Wright, Turnagain Music, at (907) 653-1163.

I (**Anne**) enjoyed talking with **LaVerne "Pretzel" Wellens Marshall** after her shoulder replacement surgery this past winter. She was very positive about the plans for recovery.

Dave Swanson '59 hoped to make it to Wooster for the reunion in June, "as I feel that I belong to both the Classes of 1957 and 1959."



The wedding of Andrew Brkic and Peggy Teale '96, Oct. 4, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Sammy Hahn '94, groom, bride, Erika Putinsky '96, Chelsea Hunt '03, Heather Geason Greenwald '96 with Elise, Bart Whitaker '60; (Front) Chris Dore '94, Kevin Hung '97, Erik Greenwald '96

Dave continues to do a lot of traveling, often to care for his grandchildren. He and some family members planned to meet in Key West for a week in April. At the end of June, the entire family hoped to get together on Grand Bahama Island.

The State of Ohio and the Ohio Department of Aging recently recognized **Evan Davis** for his philanthropy and community service. In May Evan was inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, with other native or long-time Ohio residents whose contributions to society continue beyond age 60. A bank president, Evan has served on the boards of the U of Rio Grande, Holzer Hospital in both Gallipolis and Jackson, and the Welsh-American Heritage Museum in Oak Hill, Ohio. He is moderator of the South Central Ohio Welsh Gymnafo Association and belongs to the Oak Hill Chamber of Commerce, the Southeastern Ohio Regional Council and Horeb Presbyterian Church.

**ANNE KELSO JOHNSON**, 78 White Tail Rd., Murphysboro, IL 62966-6416, <ajohnson2@siumed.edu>, home <ajohnson@globaleyes.net>.

**1958** Not long ago, **Bruce "Sam" Hunt** and I (**Anne**) received a large envelope from Beverley Awbrey with a note telling us that her husband, Stuart Awbrey '59, had died on Jan. 11, after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer's disease (see Obituaries). The enclosed clippings traced the

life of this remarkable man, whom we were privileged to call a friend.

From our personal memories we pulled out the unforgettable days we spent together when John F. Kennedy was killed. Sam was scheduled to preach that Sunday at a church on Chicago's west side. Stu, then working at the *Chicago Daily News*, helped him "sort out the story" for the sermon. Stu later gave us an autographed copy of cartoonist Bill Mauldin's drawing of the weeping statue of Lincoln.

Stu and Bev owned the *Cranford (NJ) Chronicle* from 1978-89. **Art Pearson** remembers meeting Stu when he was editor of the *Chronicle*. "He and my cousin were avid tennis partners and competitors. Both played at 110% and hated to lose," Art recalls. In 1994, at age 56, Stu was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. At the time, he was editor of the *New Jersey State Bar Association Weekly*. Knowing that he would eventually forget his past, Stu wrote a book, *Chronicles of a Community Journalist*. One of his fading memories was the outcome of the Dogpatch King contest, which he mistakenly awarded to Sam.

Art remembers reading an article about the Awbreys' crusade against Alzheimer's in the *Newark State Ledger*. "Both Stu and my cousin passed on from Alzheimer's," Art adds. In a clipping from *Peace Corps Volunteer Magazine*, which Stu once edited, he's pictured playing tennis, part of his self-prescribed treatment

regimen.

**Mila Swyers Aroskar** has power of attorney for her aunt (91) who has Alzheimer's-type disease (Mila's language). With an Ed.D. and a degree in nursing, Mila taught public health ethics and health administration until retirement. Her aunt moved back to New York from Arizona several years ago because of her strong church and faith connections there — typical of many people with Alzheimer's, Mila thinks.

Mila served on the National Alzheimer's Ethics Committee several years ago. "It was a real learning experience, working with individuals who care so about people with Alzheimer's disease, their caregivers, and all of the issues involved, major concerns being respect for persons and the safety of individuals, their families, and the wider community."

"I'm reading an amazing book, *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality*, by Belden Lane (Oxford, 1998)," Mila writes. Lane interweaves experiences with his mother, who had Alzheimer's and cancer.

"Several years ago, I presented a paper to the Ohio Alzheimer's Association on spiritual and religious issues related to the disease," **Paul Randall** says in his e-mail. "My mother, who died two years ago, had dementia/Alzheimer's, so I spoke as a son and a pastor, as well as a theologian." Paul couldn't give us a synopsis before our deadline, as he had a sermon to write and deliver, after



which he was scheduled to sing in a concert in Albany, NY. Next time, perhaps.

Inspired by the "bridging cultures" theme of the winter 2004 issue of *Wooster*, we asked our e-mail list how their experiences of other cultures during college or since influence the way they see the world.

**George McClure** responded: "In 1982 I spent seven weeks in India seeking supernatural experiences and the blessings of holy men. I had incredible adventures, but here is the impression that lasts. The religions of India are just as rich in fantasy and superstition as any other religion. But it doesn't matter, because religion remains an extraordinary human resource for inspiration, consolation, motivation, mutual support, and even enjoyment. It has conferred on our species over the eons a decided survival advantage. Even the most massively fictitious beliefs can be an advantage if they motivate socially adaptive behaviors. That's what India taught me."

Great to hear from **Cyndy Tice**, who has been halfway around the world for most of the past 40 years! After graduating from Wooster with majors in biology and sociology, she completed a nursing diploma program at Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital. In 1963 she joined the Peace Corps and began a lifelong career as a nurse/nurse educator.

Cyndy returned from Bangladesh to get a master's degree in nursing education at Arizona State U. Since 1973 she has worked in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Sudan, and Uganda with CARE, WHO, the International Medical Corps, and on private contracts.

"I now teach nursing at Northern Marianas College on the island of Saipan, in the western Pacific, part of a U.S. commonwealth," Cyndy writes. "While I was in Kabul, I helped a young Afghan man attend Wooster. He got his degree, went on to graduate school, and now works in the States."

"Six years after graduating from Wooster, I completed master's work in French at Georgetown U and received a French government scholarship to study in France," writes **Lillie Trent**. "I was born in Harlem,

## Alumni Authors

In the past several months, we have received word of several publications by Wooster alumni. Here is a very small — and eclectic — selection of the published material written or edited by graduates of the College. Perhaps these brief bits will whet your appetite for some late summer reading.

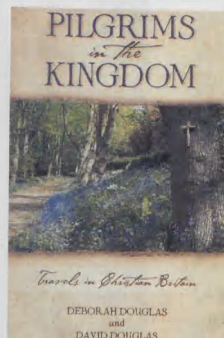
**Eleanor Elson Heginbotham '60** tackles a well-known poet in *Reading the Fascicles of Emily Dickinson: Dwelling in Possibilities* (Ohio State University Press). According to a press release, the book focuses on Dickinson as a deliberate writer and editor. The fascicles were 40 small portfolios of Dickinson's poems written between 1856 and 1864, composed on four to seven stationery sheets, then folded, stacked, and sewn together with twine.

Heginbotham argues that examining these poems in the context of their placement within the fascicles and the relationships of the poems to one another adds a new dimension to Dickinson's work. See more about Heginbotham on the next page.

**Lisa Lindquist Dorr '88** challenges the traditional views of historians in *White Women, Rape, and the Power of Race in Virginia, 1900-1960* (University of North Carolina Press). She analyzes legal records, newspapers, and clemency files and argues that white Virginians' inflammatory rhetoric did not necessarily predict the punishment meted out to black men in cases of black-on-white rape. One reviewer said that Dorr's book "will change the way historians understand not only rape and lynching, but also segregation, economic change, and the operation of law and politics in the twentieth century South." Dorr is an assistant professor of history at the University of Alabama.

Read *Pilgrims in the Kingdom: Travels in Christian Britain* (Upper Room Books, Nashville, Tenn.) by Deborah and **David Douglas '71** to discover something of Britain's spiritual landscape. Beginning with a cave visited in the fourth century by a Celtic

saint, Ninian, the authors cover a variety of places and characters: Norwich and Julian, Aldersgate Street and John Wesley, and St.

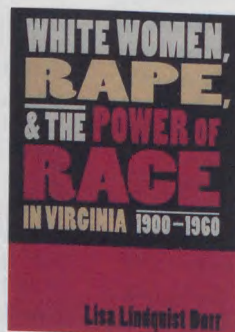


Beuno's and Gerard Manley Hopkins, among others. The authors hope the book "appeals both to visitors to Britain as well as to armchair travelers here in the States." They even offer travel planning hints for each location. According to one reader, this evocative compilation brings both "the senses and the spirit alive."

**Bruce Wiebusch '84** has started a new magazine, *Entertainment Engineering*. Like a good liberal arts education, the Internet publication covers a variety of subjects — film, theater, television, cable, audio systems, video games, and amusement park rides — a multi-faceted perspective on the world of engineering. But it's not all technology and physics. The magazine also includes pieces about the creative thought behind the development of new devices and events. Sign up at the site, <[www.entertainmentengineering.com](http://www.entertainmentengineering.com)>. It's free and it's fun!

Retired education administrator and Wooster education professor **Roger Ramseyer '59** penned *The ABCs of Living Happy* (Carlisle Printing, Sugar-creek, Ohio) to teach "old-fashioned lessons that reinforce the importance of respect, gratitude, politeness, and other basic values." The brief lessons, one for each alphabet letter, remind us of the importance of civility.

**Louise McClelland Urban '57** edited and translated the English edition of *Hugo Wolf: Letters to Melanie Köchert* (University of Wisconsin Press). The 245 letters, written between 1887 and 1899, tell the story of the deep romantic and artistic bond between Wolf, a German art song composer, and Melanie Köchert, the wife of a Viennese jeweler. The correspondence offers a candid view of the composer's struggles with his work and his decline into dementia. Urban is professor emerita of voice at the University of Maryland. Order these last two books at <[www.wilsonbookstore.com](http://www.wilsonbookstore.com)>. —JWM



grew up in New Jersey, and went to college in Ohio and Washington, DC, but it was France that felt like home from the very first contact." Having already worked for the African American Institute in DC, she sought out the French-speaking Africans living in Paris and the *Ile-de-France*. In the 1960s, only the *crème de la crème* got to travel outside of Africa. "I rubbed elbows with diplomats and UN fellows," she says.

Lillie's experience as a black American in Paris from 1964-69 was wonderful. The French remembered

the humane treatment of black soldiers during WWII, and many black artists and writers remained rather than return to the U.S. "The 'ugly Americans' were the white ones: the only prejudice I met was at the hands of white Americans who resented my being out of the U.S. at all," Lillie recalls. She has been a bilingual secretary, translator, and teacher. Lillie now teaches French at American U in Washington, DC, where there are many foreign students and professors. She hoped to be in France for Bastille Day, July 14.

**Joy Huenink Rindels** says:

"After glancing at the cover of the winter issue of *Wooster*, I finally decided to write. For 30 years I've been teaching English as a second language. Minneapolis has been the home to Hmong from northwest Laos, who helped the Americans during the Vietnam War. The last refugee camp is closing this summer, and we expect 14,000 people to settle here. In the early 1990s, Somalis also started to arrive." Joy is still teaching, as a result of her medical expenses: she has been handicapped



for 30 years.

**Lee Dawley** is not doing so well but continues to show amazing spunk in the face of the increasing problems brought on by M.S. After several months in the hospital, he was moved into a long-term care facility in Burlington, VT, in May. His daughter, Janice, reports that he is making progress with his breathing, has made great strides with his speech, and hoped to get his voice-activated computer in his room soon. Contact Lee at Burlington Health and Rehabilitation, 300 Pearl St., Burlington, VT 05401.

Lee loves Vermont Public Radio contributor Will Lange '57, who lives nearby. He thanks Will and all of you who have sent jokes, stories, and greetings!

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**1959** We're deeply sorry to hear of the tragic deaths of Jai Karen Roberts Williams '88 and Jessica (3) and James (1) Williams, the daughter and grandchildren of Don and **Muriel Rice Roberts**, in a house fire (see *Wooster*, Spring 2004). The class sends its condolences to the family.

**William H. Lomicka** was appointed to the board of Acceris Communications Inc. He's a director of Counsel Corporation and other public and private companies.

During Alumni Weekend, we elected **Ron Rolley** as class president, and **Nancy McCarthy** and **Ginny Wenger Moser** as co-secretaries. Watch for news about reunion in the fall magazine.

The class sends hearty thanks to **Marion Stuart Humphreys** for serving so faithfully as secretary for the last decade. Three cheers! **NANCY MCCARTHY**, 188 Cafferty Rd., Pipersville, PA 18947, <nmcz@comcast.com>, and **GINNY WENGER MOSER**, 8201 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, VA 22152, <ginny.guide@verizon.net>.

**1960** There's nothing quite like connecting with a college classmate after 40 years. On

a winter getaway on Oahu in March, we (**Nancy** and **Charles**) met with Jim and **Lorna Willard Mathison**. We shared a few dinners and encouraged their return next winter during our stay.

Lorna retired in 2001 as the director of education at the Lansing Correctional Facility. She's involved now as president of the board of directors of Arts in Prison, a nonprofit corporation providing arts opportunities for inmates to help them acquire skills necessary for successful reintegration into the community after release. She also serves on a presbytery committee and sings in her church choir.

Lorna and Jim travel as much as possible with friends and family. Other than Hawaii, Lorna says that their most exciting trip was a three-month visit in Brazil, where they lived over 20 years ago. Jim is a retired U.S. Army officer and now works as a contractor for the Army at Fort Leavenworth. Their address is 4811 New Lawrence Rd., Leavenworth, KS 66048.

Aaron and **Ruth Parsons Martin** thoroughly enjoy teaching others the basics of the Greek language. Ruth studied Latin and Greek at the College and has used this training extensively. She even produced her own translation of the New Testament, "The Pioneers' New Testament." The Martins have taught Greek to at least 300 people — without charge. They live in the Greensboro, NC, area.

The Martins won recognition as "Volunteers of the Week" for their efforts with schoolchildren attending Shakespeare productions.

In March **Eleanor Elson Heginbotham**, professor of English at Concordia U in St. Paul, MN, was the honored speaker for the 2004 Poehler Lecture Series. The event recognizes a Concordia U College of Arts and Sciences faculty member for demonstrating academic excellence and a mature Christian faith.

The daughter of a presidential chaplain, Eleanor cites her Washington, DC, childhood as formative to her education. She occasionally visited the White House and worshipped with the nation's power elite. Married to a U.S. Foreign Service officer,

she's lived and taught in Liberia, Vietnam, and Indonesia, as well as in the Washington, DC, suburbs.

Eleanor also credits the College for her scholastic achievements. She remembers her professors as both excellent teachers and caring mentors. "I'm proud that Wooster helped prepare me for a life in literature," she said in a press release. "And I'm proud that now I also represent Concordia."

Eleanor joined Concordia in 1994. She has taught literature, journalism, and writing and advised the campus newspaper. During a year as a senior Fulbright Scholar at the University of Hong Kong (1998-99), she taught a full load of American Studies classes and spoke at universities in Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, and Thailand.

**NANCY BROWN TYBURSKI**, 3622 Croydon Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44718-3226, <nancyty4@aol.com>.

**1961** **Robert Kirkbride** was recently elected to the board of WesBanco Inc., a multi-state bank holding company based in Wheeling, WV. Robert works as vice president of Christy and Associates Inc. in Marietta, Ohio, and serves various community organizations.

Good news! Some of you will remember that, many years ago, **Janice Kazmaier Kelly** reported that her young daughter, Erin, had been taken from her in a custody dispute and disappeared. Last autumn Janice received a phone call from Erin. After recovering from the shock, Janice flew to Colorado for a reunion. She says that Erin is a beautiful young woman with an infant son, Zackary, so Janice is a grandmother. At least this story has a happy ending!

**Barbara Beck Diaz** says, "I finished my second year of teaching Spanish and French at Coastal Carolina U and was awarded, for the second year in a row, an excellence in teaching award from the dean of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. They'll have to carry me out of here to retire me."

**Gary Haase** retired two years ago after 38 years as a United Church of Christ minister, the last

20 of which he served as a "professional interim." He's launched a second career as a college professor at Eastern Connecticut State U. Last year he taught World Religions and this year it was Philosophy and Ethics. He serves on the ethics committee of a local hospital and of the town of Colchester, CT, where he lives. He sings in the choir of the church where his wife, Bonnie, is senior pastor.

Another retirement... Last June, **Mary Ellen Kindell St. John** retired as a professor of anatomy and physiology at Central Ohio Technical College in Newark, where she taught for the past 30 years. Her husband, Lee, retired from Ohio State U at Newark a year ago, and Mary Ellen suggested that he stay at home, clean the house, and have a hot meal ready when she got home after work. He decided that it was easier to work for another year, so he "un-retired." Their older son, James '91, also teaches at OSU-Newark and has just finished a Ph.D. in geology, while son David is a field biologist, having studied wildlife management at Hocking Technical College.

**Paul Hunt** has a new computer and a new e-mail address, <hunts4u2004@yahoo.com>. He retired last October and now runs two "high-tech" businesses, he says — storage units and a sawmill. He also runs a nonprofit taxi and hauling business that is constantly increasing, with no advertising. Paul drives a full-size, four-wheel-drive pickup, commanding much respect when he pulls into the Wal-Mart parking lot. Paul and wife Wilma live in Coshocton, Ohio.

**Ginny Sauerbrun Everett** lives year-round in Sarasota, FL. "I'm busy fundraising for the symphony, opera, ballet, and Asolo Theater. I support three Republican clubs, pray at one Presbyterian Church, belong to two travel groups, race-walk in a track club, and take computer classes. I'm never home." Ginny says that summer is the best time of year in Florida, with warm breezes, beaches that aren't crowded, and less traffic.

**Anne Clausen Whitney** lives in Naples, FL, during the winter. Last March she traveled to Aspen with her daughter and a son for some skiing. She also visited her college



roommate, **Nancy Smith Evseeff**, and Nancy's husband, George, who live near Aspen. Anne got to see her daughter's new home in Colorado Springs. She loves retirement!  
**LARRY VODRA**, 51 High Ridge Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804-3517, <JLVodra@aol.com>.

## 1962 Dorothy "Genie" Henson Hatch

recently retired after 25 years of service to the City of St. Charles, MO, as a neighborhood assistance planner. A former librarian and teacher, Genie looks forward to more traveling and taking up new hobbies, such as playing the dulcimer. She'll remain on a housing task force committee. Genie is excited to be able to sleep late, play bridge, and visit her grandchildren.  
**LINDA PARK**, 1848 Beersford, East Cleveland, OH 44112, <veggiepark@sbcglobal.net>.

## 1963 We'd love to hear from you.

**ANN MCKENRICK TURNBULL**, 412 Ivy Church Rd., Timonium, MD 21093.

## 1964 E. Scott Geller

received the 2003 alumni award from the College of Science at Virginia Tech for excellence in graduate academic advising. Scott is a professor in the psychology department. During his 34 years at Virginia Tech, he has advised many students, including serving as committee chair to 37 master's and 24 doctoral candidates. Scott's present and former students say that he is "the epitome of excellence in graduate academic advising."

We've had bigger crowds for a reunion, but the members of the Class of 1964 made a suitable amount of noise at our gatherings in June. There was plenty of chatting, a certain amount of gossip, discussion of who didn't make it to campus, pictures of grandchildren, talk of recent and upcoming retirements, and lots of Wooster stories. Some of them we've heard before, but what the heck, it's only every five years. We all forget a lot in between.

Ted Williams (chemistry, emeritus) spoke at our Saturday luncheon. Gordon Shull (political science,



The wedding of Jane Rackley '02 and Aaron Shear '01, Aug. 16, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Robert Mateer '69, Emily Arundel, Jim Deprez, '02s, Marilyn Garrette Wicker '69, Jim Wicker '72, Shaun Fontaine '01, Jim Wicker '02, Christian Hunter, Erik McLaughlin, '01s, Karl Bekeny '99, Mike Fry '01; (Middle Row) Patrick Watts '99, Peg Hogsett Mateer '69, Paul Geiss '01, Caleb Williams '07, Amy Peshina Fontaine '01, Colleen Cameron Hunter, Dana Schrum McLaughlin, '02s, Amanda Kriska Bekeny '00, Tracy Ward, Andrea Martin, '02s, Peter Kurty '00; (Front) Lydia Kruse '02, Amanda Smeigh '01, Emily Rackley '07, bride, groom, Carrie Davis, Schuyler Gilmore, '02s, Krishna Sarbadhikari, Katherine Varney Ritchie, '00s

emeritus) and Vivian Holliday (Latin, emerita) joined us at Saturday's evening reception. All kindly said that they remembered some of us. I (**Jim**) must admit that I thought Gordon was a member of the Class of 1954 who had wandered into the wrong reception until I saw his name badge, then memories sprang full-blown into my head.

A real '54 man behind me in the ice cream social line said that the College's head tree person told them that the elms are to be replanted on the quadrangle. Apparently there's a new disease-resistant variety that should survive to maturity. The possibility is quietly exciting, and there's no better place to start the reintroduction than Quinby Quadrangle.

I put a pen and notebook in my pocket to record bits for this column, but I had such a good time talking that I never took it out. **Mary Martin Kilpatrick** allowed herself to be dragooned into becoming class president, which let **Russell** and **Jane Welton Yamazaki** off the hook. I was unable to find anyone willing to be class secretary, so guess who is going to be scribbling these notes for another hemi-decade?

Please put me on your Christmas letter list, and do it now. Click the box in Outlook or wherever you keep your mailing labels. As always, if you don't send material, I'll write about myself or make up lies.

Some classmates who are still

working allowed that they weren't sure what they'd do if they retired. As for myself, it took about a minute to get over teaching 7:30 a.m. classes, but I understand the possible anxiety. If you are retired and your days are busy, let us know what fills them. If retirement turned out to be less than you expected, let us hear about that, too. And pencil in the weekend of June 12-14, 2009, for our 45th reunion.

**JIM SWITZER**, 891 Elmore Ave., Akron, OH 44302-1238, <jswitzer@uakron.edu>.

**1965** Last summer I (**Kadi**) invited several classmates to celebrate our 60th birthdays. Joining me for a festive weekend in my cozy condo were **Carol Magill McDougald**, **Carol Fuller Syvertsen**, **Dori Hale**, **Alex Keith**, **Betsy Bedient**, **Barbara Marsh Fedeler**, and **Nina Thomas Taylor**. Missing at the last minute due to family obligations were **Barbara Marras Manner** and **Jean Patterson Clarkson**. Oh, the laughter and memories we shared, reminiscent of dorm camaraderie back when!

**Ruth Farr Banner** reports similar visits with **Ann Ellen Kunkel Rutherford** in Newton, MA, and **Marilyn Amstutz Stevens** and **Dori Hale** in Boston on a trip east from South Bend last summer.

**Betty Odell Gibson**, who

transferred to Ohio State U, speaks for most of us, "We all have busy lives, but college was such an important part of our early years." Betty took time out from sorting records in preparation for her tax return to find and send six nostalgic photos of Second New Holden festivities in our first year. She promises to send more. Bring them on!

**KADI DEPEW STEVENS**, 328 Spruce St. #4, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4201.

## 1966 Paul C. Browne

has been named dean of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership at Wilkes U in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

**ELIZABETH WESTHAFFER O'BRIEN**, 64 Tall Oaks Dr., Summit, NJ 07901, <ebrien5@mindspring.com>.

## 1967 News, folks? Does anyone have news?

**SARA BRADLEY**, P.O. Box 599, Chautauqua, NY 14722.

## 1968 For us (**Dennis** and **Pat Silvey Yanchunas**), the world's pace has become frantic and its inhabitants overwrought!

When **Jim** and **Suzanne Getz Bates** attended the graduation of their daughter, Hannalori '03, from the College last year, they never thought they would be sitting next to other '68 alums. **Jim** and **Ruth Battenburg Walts** were also pres-



ent for the graduation of their daughter, Adrienne '03. Throughout the past four years, the couples have met on campus a number of times at occasions involving their daughters.

The other '68er whom they met was **Pam Sears Riedl**. Pam was there with a cousin whose daughter, Tamara Heckel '03, was graduating. Although Jim communicated with Pam by e-mail when he was class secretary, the Bateses had not seen her since our commencement. But they recognized each other easily following the ceremony, as coincidentally, they all were seated in the same section of the gym.

Jim and Suzanne spent some time visiting **Marty Zell** while attending a conference in Daytona Beach. Marty lives in Titusville and last year retired from the U.S. Navy.

**Dianne Bradford Harson** claims not to have earth-shattering news, but I (Pat) think the ground-work she and her husband are laying for the eventual simple life is, if not earth-shattering, at least laudable. She writes, "I've studied and practiced Tai Chi for the past 10 years, with a strong interest in mindfulness meditation and Zen philosophy."

Dianne and her husband are both in social work. For nearly 20 years, she has worked for an early intervention center and special education preschool in the Bronx. Eating healthy food, exercising, and finding joy in daily routines fill up the Harsons' days as they, along with their son, anxiously plan for his first year in college, away from home in Bayside, NY. In the fall, Dianne plans to spend the extra time with neglected loves of music and painting.

Dianne saw **Sandy Fruscione Parker**'s story in class notes and contacted her for information that she needed on the Rochester, NY, area. The Class of 1968 helping each other — great!

Please note the new e-mail address for your secretaries (Pat and Dennis).

**PAT SILVEY** and **DENNIS YANCHUNAS**, 618 Bowen St., Longmont, CO 80501-4412, <dryanchunas@comcast.net>.

**1969** **Suzanne Stewart Moseman** writes,



Alums from the 1970s gather in Scottsdale, Ariz. (Standing) Jim Rattay '71; (Second row, left to r) Barbie Thompson Barmettler '93, Jack Lengyel (formerly physical education), Tom Boardman '70, Marcia Newkirk Rattay '73; (Front) Sandy Lengyel, Lois Drinkwater Thompson '73, Ed Thompson '71

"Midlife is certainly a time of changes. A recent job hunt brought us to the shores of the Mississippi River. I work for the Social Security Administration in the 'Twin Cities' teleservice center. I worked for SSA in Baltimore from 1973-85, then took time off to be a soccer mom, get a master's in library and information science, work as a free-lance writer and researcher, and volunteer at PTA, church, YMCA, and, most recently, small-town economic development. Our family moved to Pulaski, VA, in 1995, and I added teaching to my patchwork resume.

"My husband, Dave, retired on disability after 25 years in medical practice, because of glaucoma and hepatitis C. I had worked as his practice manager for several years, and after the office closed, we packed up our furniture and two cats and followed the job opportunity north. Our sons remained on the East Coast. Alex is a jazz guitarist, with a day job as a video editor in NYC; Mike is a lifeguard in Radford, VA, where he attended college.

"Life here is full of new experiences. There's great public transportation; Dave goes all over to meetings and volunteer work. I had my cinematic debut in an independent movie filmed at the Ramsey County Courthouse. The central hall of the building looks like it belongs on the Klingon home world, but my moment on screen took place in a

conventional courtroom.

"We live a block from my office and a gorgeous park and within a couple of miles of everything else we need. Winter is a bit brisk, but Minnesotans just keep going. We joined them to visit the Winter Carnival ice palace. People are friendly and welcoming, and we quickly found our place in this vibrant community. We're grateful to be here."

**Rich Campbell** and Jeannine have been in Reading, PA, for the last 12-plus years, after 15 years in Evansville, IN. "So much to see, within easy reach, we really enjoy living here," Rich writes. "We have no children, although Jeannine has hundreds as a school teacher. I'm the research and development director for Quadrant Engineering Plastics, a company based in Zurich, Switzerland, so I travel a lot to Europe and Asia.

"As long as Jeannine and I enjoy what we do, there is little incentive for retirement. So far the challenges keep us coming back. We still fly at every opportunity, a skill I picked up at the old Wooster Airport between classes and on weekends. I'm active in the YMCA and serve on several boards and activities to support its community outreach. I'll be out of the country in mid-June and will miss Alumni Weekend. Next time..."

The alumni magazine of Vanderbilt U recently profiled **Molly Fritz**

**Miller**, focusing on her geological expeditions to Antarctica.

**Steven Emerson**, a professor at the U of Washington's School of Oceanography, was honored recently as a fellow of the American Geophysical Union. According to a news article, Steven was selected "for his contributions to understanding the transport of carbon from the surface ocean into marine sediments and its consequences."

Twenty-five members of the Class of 1969 braved soggy weather to attend our 35th reunion. The sun came out on Saturday in time for us to enjoy a bus tour of Wooster. We got to see the new high school and the growth on the north side of town. Thanks to our class president, **John Bone**, who arranged the outing. On Saturday evening we enjoyed Coccia House pizza and more in Margo and **Dave Broehl**'s backyard. On Sunday morning we attended Westminster Presbyterian Church and heard **Tom Sheffield** give a powerful sermon. Tom is a presbytery executive in Denver.

Since there were so few of us, it was easy to visit and talk with everyone. We'd like to see a much bigger turnout for our next reunion, 2009!

Many of you promised to send me (**Judy**) some news. I'm continuing on as class secretary and John Bone is still president.

**JUDY SIMKINS HAINES**, 2643 Brook Valley Rd., Frederick, MD 21701, <tomjudyhaines@hotmail.com>.

**1970** **David Fleming** was recently elected to the board of directors of the California Healthcare Institute (CHI). CHI is a nonprofit public policy research organization that represents California academic institutions, biotechnology, medical device, diagnostics, and pharmaceutical firms. David is employed as group senior vice president and corporate officer of Genzyme Corp., a global biotechnology company that focuses primarily on rare genetic disorders and various other diseases.

**Tom Boardman** reports: "Wow, it has really been a long time. First, a bit about Susie Leech Boardman '71 and me. We have four wonderful



children, including two alums, Cari Boardman Robertson '94 and Andrea Boardman Michalski '97. Our son, Alex, attended Wooster for his first year then continued his education in Minnesota. Our fourth child graduated from DePauw U in 2001. Cari and Andrea have given us grandsons Drew (2) and Levi (1).

"I am the staff vice president, deputy general counsel, and assistant secretary at the 3M Co. in St. Paul, MN. Susie enjoys babysitting grandkids and volunteering at our church, where we're both quite active.

"I had the opportunity to renew old friendships. I found out that former football coach Jack Lengyel and his wife, Sandy, were going to be in Scottsdale, AZ, at the same time as I was going to be there on a golf/business trip. I knew that Ed '71 and Lois Drinkwater Thompson '73 and Jim '71 and Marcia Newkirk Rattay '73 lived in the Phoenix area. The next thing I knew, the Thompsons were hosting all of us for dinner at their desert home in North Scottsdale. Also attending were the Thompsons' daughter, Barbie Thompson Barmettler '93, her husband, and some friends of the Lengyels (see photo, page 45).

**Bob Bruce**, the Speedo/United States Master Swimming (USMS) Coach of the Year for 2003, is the head coach of Central Oregon Masters Aquatics. Bob's recent honor recognizes excellence in coaching and significant contributions to masters swimming at the local, state, and national levels. Bob previously served as head coach of the USMS team for the Ninth FINA World Masters Championships in New Zealand, where U.S. swimmers won 131 titles and set 29 world records. He coached U.S. swimmers in the world championships in Italy in May.

The Federation of Societies for Coatings Technology selected **George Pilcher** of Akzo Nobel Coatings Inc. to deliver the Joseph J. Mattiello Memorial Lecture at its 82nd annual meeting in Nov. 2004. The meeting will be held in Chicago in conjunction with the International Coatings Exposition and the International Coatings Technology Conference.

Researcher and professor **Lee**

**Eberhardt Limbird** retired from Vanderbilt U Medical Center at the peak of her profession, with friends coming from all points of the globe in early May for a celebration in her honor. Lee was the first associate vice chancellor for research before stepping down in December. During her 25 years at Vanderbilt, she also chaired the department of pharmacology, leading it to place high in terms of National Institutes of Health funding, the quality of its graduate training, and the citation impact of its research publications. Lee mentored and recruited other scientists as well.

Vanderbilt created the Lee Limbird Chair in Pharmacology, while former students and post-doctoral fellows established the Limbird Alumni Dissertation Enhancement Grant. Lee is serving as an adviser to Meharry Medical College and to the Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance, while looking for other challenges. The Vanderbilt Medical Center *Reporter* quoted her as saying, "I have yet another life to live." Lee is a previous president of the C.O.W. Alumni Association and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998.

**Karen Duffy Lintala** writes about her 31-year career in computers and technology, including 17 years at Rubbermaid and 13 at Honda. Karen coaches nine-year-old boys in soccer and baseball and is involved with Cub Scouts. She's proud that her grandson achieved Pack Champ status in the Scouts' Pinewood Derby. ("Who ever



Karen Lintala '70 and her grandson, a Pack Champ

thought I could help figure out how to make speedy little cars?") Karen also has published articles on her hobby of doll collecting and is active in local and national doll clubs.

**RUTH "BE" BALMER YOUNG**, 126 W. Lafayette St., West Chester, PA 19380-2409, <Beezelette@aol.com>.

**1971 David Suter** works as an illustrator for publications such as *The New York Times*, *Time*, and *Harper's Magazine*.

Last winter **David Douglas** saw Chris Redding '07 (who's related to David Redding '46). He asked Chris to describe the best things about the College. Not surprisingly, the answer was "my fellow students, the profs." As for the worst things, Chris could not think of any. He concluded, "I haven't been bored a single minute since I got here."

"Wooster doesn't change much, does it?" David Douglas says. See more about him on page 42.

**JAMES K. LOWERY**, 1675 Riverwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-4828, <jlowery@jam.rr.com>.

**1972 Bill Kulp** is the new indexing coordina-



The wedding of Beth Kampmeier '89 and Frank Palmer, May 24, 2003. (Left to r), Amy Havener Spencer '80, Alan Spencer '78, Libby Black Yoskowitz '89, Anne Deffenbaugh '95, Daphne Daugherty Cody '89, Jason Cody '91, groom, bride, Peggy Kampmeier Sucsy '75, Curt Kampmeier '64, Brian Johnston '89, Kevin Maxwell '88, Sally Closser Maxwell '89

tor/senior authorities librarian for Project MUSE, which provides digital access to the full text of more than 200 scholarly journals. He oversees and coordinates the project's indexing and bibliographic access program.

**JAY YUTZEY**, 1254 Norwell Dr., Columbus, OH 43220, <yutzey.2@osu.edu>.

**1973 Karen Walser**, a long-time resident of historic Providence, RI, generously offered refuge to **Nancy Miller** and her daughter, Molly, while they toured colleges in the Northeast. "We had a great time reminiscing and straightening out long misunderstood details of our Wooster days," Nancy says. They regret that there is no picture: "Please imagine us looking our best."

Karen, a nurse midwife, now works as an R.N. in a maternity hospital. She welcomes all to her "bed and breakfast."

Nancy, who calls Seattle her home, is a pediatric occupational therapist and otherwise spends time enjoying the great outdoors. She and her daughter agreed, though, "The snow swirling around our heads in Providence in early April made us scurry back to a relatively balmy spring in Seattle." Karen suggests summer and fall as the best seasons to visit New England.

**Rod Russell**, athletic director at the Mason (Ohio) City Schools, reports, "In reflecting on a recent honor, I need to express a debt of



Tim Carnes Photography



The wedding of Christie Boost '03 and Sean Parker, Aug. 30, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Abby Bowers Rubright '03, Audra Warner Jurmanovich '02, Melissa Santas '03, Holly Welsh '04, Elizabeth Brashear, Caroline Eaton, '03s; (Middle) groom, bride; (Front) Nicole Lyndes '04, Michelle Perrigo '96

gratitude. This past October I was chosen as Athletic Administrator of the Year for Ohio for 2003 by the Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

"When events like this happen, you realize that there are many people responsible for providing opportunities and assistance. Being blessed to live and work in such a community as Mason is a major contributing factor. Having the support of a strong family is another.

"But our educational experiences also provide us the proper base on which to grow as individuals. We realize that the majority of things we have accomplished in our lives could not have been done alone, that we're probably only a small factor in the overall achievement.

"So I send this note of thanks for the many opportunities for growth while a student and now as an alum of The College of Wooster."

The Web site of the Unitarian Universalist Association features an interview with **Linda Olson Peebles** and mentions her daughter, Elizabeth '05. See <[www.uua.org/news/2004/040126.html](http://www.uua.org/news/2004/040126.html)>.

**Diane Lucco** and **Gary L. Welshhans** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last year. Gary is the golf professional at the Wooster Country Club; Diane teaches fifth grade in Wooster schools. Gary says, "We are 0 for 3 so far but hope that maybe our fourth child may choose to go to the College.

"It was really great seeing my ex-roomie, **Greg Lockhart**, last summer when he returned to Wooster

after 30 years. He brought his oldest son, Chad '07, to first-year orientation. I am extremely proud that Greg is an accomplished thoracic surgeon in Richmond, VA. I take some credit for his success, as my attention to academia in those two years we roomed together must have set a wonderful example." Reach Gary at <[gwelshhans@msn.com](mailto:gwelshhans@msn.com)>.

Former Clemson U head basketball coach **Larry Shyatt** is a new assistant coach for the U of Florida men's basketball program. Go, Gators!

**Bruce Baganz** was recently elected president of the board of trustees of The Textile Museum in Washington, DC. He has served on the museum's advisory council since 2001.

**Dave Wilber** writes, "After 30 years, I decided to fill you in on a few things. I retired after 30 years of teaching English at Sandusky (Ohio) High School. I look forward to the change in routine, to evenings without worrying about grading papers. My wife has been retired for a few years, and we plan to do the usual traveling, mostly to watch our daughters play volleyball.

"Janet will be a senior at Ohio Northern U, majoring in middle childhood education. Sarah will be a sophomore at Kent State U, with a major in psychology. We'll probably see 60 volleyball matches in the fall as we follow the two schools through the Midwest, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and even Italy for a pre-season trip. After that we may collapse for a while. If you'd like to get in touch, try my new e-mail

address, <[davew6973@yahoo.com](mailto:davew6973@yahoo.com)>." **SUZANNE SCHLUEDERBERG**, 3385 Carl Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <[suz@umich.edu](mailto:suz@umich.edu)>.

**1974 Gary Allison** retired from Timken Co. last June after 32 years and is relaxing, enjoying family, and playing golf. He has three grandchildren.

At Alumni Weekend, we elected **Jim and Nancy Rutan Bartha** as co-presidents and **Kim Tapié** as class secretary. Thanks to **Bill Irvine** for his many years of service!

**KIM TAPIE**, 5511 Canaan Center Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-9611, <[ktapie@whmhrb.org](mailto:ktapie@whmhrb.org)>.

**1975 Dee Doubleddee Tiech's** son, Jeff, an exercise physiologist, is married and lives in the Columbus area. Dee says, "I became a grandma last August! My son, Jared, is a teacher, also in the Columbus area. He was married in Maui last summer. Daughter Erin is a junior at Ohio U majoring in special education.

"Rick and I are doing well, enjoying trips to Vegas. I survived turning 50 and becoming a grandma at the same time — a double whammy from Father Time. I'm in a master's program at Baldwin Wallace. I'd love to hear from past friends!"

Dana Vandenburg Murphy '76 sadly reports the death of **Richard Stoltz** on June 8 from complications of leukemia. We send condolences to his family.

**ANDREA J. STEENBURG SIMMERS**, 2121 Breeds Rd., Owings Mills, MD

21117-1646, <[asimmers@mail.ruxtoncountryschool.org](mailto:asimmers@mail.ruxtoncountryschool.org)>.

**1976** What a pleasure it's been for me (**Dana**) to reconnect this year with my Wooster roommate, **Elizabeth DeMarsh Smith**. We shared a triple in Holden Hall with **Emily Pierce Dodge** in our first year. No stereos, no computers in our little room, thank goodness. There was hardly enough room for all three of us to get dressed at the same time. Our only electronic entertainment was my clock radio.

After Wooster, Elizabeth earned an R.N. She's worked in geriatric and psychiatric nursing, most recently at Doctor's Hospital in Massillon, Ohio. She's an active volunteer with a New York organization that trains puppies for service as guide dogs for the disabled.

Elizabeth's two older daughters, Kate and Jennifer Sargent, are grown. Kate, a graduate of Miami U of Ohio, lives and works in Colorado. Jennifer is finishing undergraduate work and pursuing a master's at the U of California, Berkeley.

Elizabeth and husband Michael Smith are the parents of Meredith, a high school senior. They live in North Canton. Send e-mail to Elizabeth at <[smithmike8@aol.com](mailto:smithmike8@aol.com)>. **DANA VANDENBERG MURPHY**, 3175 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120-2428.

**1977 Deb Gurney** is a clinical social worker at Crossroads in Mentor, Ohio, coordinating a specialized outpatient program for sexually aggressive children and adolescents. Her husband, Ron, is an R.N. Their sons are Ben and Vince. One is a wrestler and plans to go to Honduras with Los Amigos. Deb and Ron are also the independent developers of Inter Biz Business System. For more information, contact them at <[ronmanzano@interbizusa.com](mailto:ronmanzano@interbizusa.com)>.

Note my (**Bonnie's**) new e-mail address. When you send e-mail, indicate that you are from Wooster. **BONNIE SAVAGE**, 4306 River St., Willoughby, OH 44094-7815, <[bnsava@aol.com](mailto:bnsava@aol.com)>.



## Helping Farmers and Conservationists Find Common Ground

More than 50 years ago, conservationist Aldo Leopold (author of *A Sand County Almanac*) called for a new ethic, one that transformed not only the land but also the landholder. **Vance Russell '87** believes that many farmers and ranchers already hold this ethic. As director of the Landowner Stewardship Program (LSP) in Winters, California, west of Sacramento, Russell works with stewardship-minded farmers to restore agricultural lands to their natural habitat and to educate and involve the public in these efforts.

A project of Audubon California, the Landowner Stewardship Program is located in the heart of the primarily agricultural Central Valley. LSP works to conserve and restore wildlife habitat on farms and ranches in a manner compatible with existing farming. Farmers and ranchers can restore some of their acreage to its pre-agricultural state and conserve woodlands, native grasslands, wetlands, and riparian gallery forests (wooded areas alongside the banks of streams). "This solution benefits both parties," Russell says. "When you build partnerships between agriculture and the environment, you can accomplish great things."

Conflicts between farmers and conservationists escalated during the nineteenth century. The argument boils down to clearing land of its vegetation in order to raise crops versus preserving the land and its native flora and fauna. As agriculture became industrialized, the increased use of fertilizers and pesticides further intensified the tensions. Environmentalists worry about water and air quality while farmers resent the myriad regulations from government and other agencies that hamper their efforts to make a living and provide the

country with food and fiber.

One recent project is a levee setback at Oakdale Ranch on Willow Slough. The



Russell supervises a "prescribed burn"

Stephens family, who own California's second oldest family farm, began conservation efforts to attract more wildlife to their property. The LSP worked with them to widen the banks of the slough, or creek, plant native trees and grasses, and construct a pond to trap sediment from irrigation run-off.



Greg Rihl/Enterprise photo

Vance Russell (right) and John Stephens look over the results of natural restoration efforts.

Another effort on 7,200 acres of the Bobcat and Blue Oak Ranches is restoring creek-side habitat (90 percent of which has been lost in the Central Valley) and providing the conditions to sustain associated species such as the tri-colored blackbird, Swainson's hawk, and the Western pond turtle. Some land restoration involves controlled burning to control invasive weeds and restore the ecosystem (see photo, below).

Russell grew up in DeKalb, Illinois, the home of barbed wire and DeKalb seed corn. "Given Audubon's reputation for bird conservation, I have to like birds," he jokes. "As a biology major at Wooster, Floyd Downs' Natural History of the Vertebrates course introduced me to birding. The first one we saw was an Eastern bluebird — amazing!" After graduation Russell volunteered with the Peace Corps in Honduras and Bolivia. "I quickly realized that agriculture was a vital part of biodiversity conservation and that conservationists needed to work with farmers rather than blame them." He then earned an M.S. in resource management and forest science from Cornell University. Russell had a stint as a program officer at the World Wildlife Fund before coming to Audubon. He also is a co-founder and serves on the board of the Wild Farm Alliance, which promotes agriculture that helps to protect and restore wild nature.

"Some of the greatest conservation gains during this century will be made on private lands, which make up more than 50 percent of California's land mass," Russell says. "Rather than repeat past clashes, I want to be part of a new movement where environmentalists, farmers, and ranchers work together to support family agriculture in a mosaic of wildlife habitat. Our experience proves that Aldo Leopold's vision works!"

For more information, see <ca.audubon.org/LSP/Willow\_Slough.htm>.

—Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer

**Peg Weissbrod Marunowski**, and **Larry Nader**.

The June reunion brought together most of **Peggy Trabulsi Accrino's** closest Wooster friends, and a memorial tree dedication and service in her honor was held on Saturday evening after the class dinner (see Taking Note, inside cover, and Obituaries). **Cindy Clark**, **Lesley Dretar Urgo**, and **Susan White Supernavage** spent the months following Peggy's death planning this tribute. Fellow Annex girls **Carol Skowron Pitcavage**, **Diana Lutz Pinkham**, and **Ellen Renaldo** attended, the late **Gina Forsyth** was conjured in spirit, and there in force were Peggy's field hockey teammates, **Carol Murdock Catania**, **Wendy Myers Joseph**, '80s, **Mary Grace Vlahos Muster** '81, **Amy Barnard** '82, and **Beth Kewley Strong** '83. **Nancy Duncan Porter** '81 and several '79ers joined in remembering Peggy that evening, including **Doug Pinkham**, **Bob Van Cleef**, **Bobbi Emling Dezarn**, **Holly Miller Friedrich**, **Cindy Raftus McDowell**, **Mary Atkins**, **Karen Schoenewaldt**, and **Jen Haverkamp**.

Lesley writes, "**Jay Keller** and **Anne Beever Bordine** sent memories to be read at the service, and **Bob Amos** wished he could be with us. Peggy's mom, **Sally Pomeroy Trabulsi** '53, and sister, **Carol Trabulsi Moore**, bunked with us in Kenarden, and we took comfort in joining together to recall Peggy's great laugh, sweet ways, and irreplaceable DJ abilities.

"Peggy, we will miss you and love you forever."

**JENNIFER REED JONES**, 3721 McClelland Blvd., Joplin, MO 64804, <xoJones@aol.com>, **PATRICIA STOCKER CLINKER**, 1805 Heritage Cir., Dover, OH 44622, <Trishie007@hotmail.com>.

**1978 Robert Hoffman**, an 11-year veteran of Morgan Stanley, left that position to serve as a senior vice president at M. R. Beal and Co., an investment bank specializing in municipal and corporate finance.

The director of the Wayne County (Ohio) Health Department, **Kathryn Osborn Helmuth**, has

joined the Children's Hospital Physician Associates practice in Akron.

Note **Mary's** e-mail address.

**WENDY BEATTY-BURG**, 340 Gosling Dr., North Wales, PA 19454-2726, <BeattyBurg@aol.com>, and **MARY BREINER**, 1092 Homewood Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107-1450, <mtbreiner2002@yahoo.com>.

**1979 Julie Holloway Fletcher** writes, "I cannot believe that it has been 25 years. I'd love to hear from people at <jfletcher@policy-studies.com>."

We elected new class secretaries at Alumni Weekend, **Jennifer Reed Jones** and **Patricia Stocker Clinker**. Thanks to our retiring secretaries, **Laurie Glandt Steiner**,

**1980 Maria** and **David Barberino** welcomed their first child, **Brandon David**, on Feb. 20. Congratulate them at P. O. Box 1673, Wallingford, CT 06492.

**Sara Conover Butturini** works as a human resources manager with the Millipore Corp. in Jaffrey, NH. She is happily married, has two dogs, and enjoys hiking in the White



## Three to Watch

The June/July 2004 issue of *Presbyterians Today* features three Wooster alumnae in its article, "40 Under 40: Young Presbyterians to Watch." The magazine selected this group from nearly 200 nominees, based especially on their leadership roles beyond their home congregations. These women served in multiple capacities while at the College; all were interns at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Check their class columns for more about these young people:

**Julia Jones '97**, member, First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Ohio, raising awareness about injustices in Latin America;

**Sarah Sanderson-Doughty '98**, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lowville, New York, seeking solutions to divisions within the Presbyterian Church (USA); and

**Emily Welty '00**, member, Takoma Park (Maryland) Presbyterian Church, working on international peace and conflict resolution.

Mountains. Sarah would like to hear from **Carole Chvala**, **Karen Burhans-Bryan**, and **Kay Spetrino Sciscento**, at <sarahb@fiam.net>. **SUSAN ESTILL**, 1817 Keller Lake Dr., Burnsville, MN 55306-6378, <sestill58@comcast.net>; **DON LEAKE**, 10303 Dickens Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814; and **JENNY WATSON**, 1551 Oakmount Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121, <Jlwats626@aol.com>.

**1981** A *New York Times* article in March quoted **Mary LeVine**, the director of physical education at Sarah Lawrence College. The piece focused on the tradition of naming women and men's athletic teams differently. Mary said that at Sarah Lawrence, which began as a school for women, never used separate names. During Mary's years at Wooster, though, women athletic teams were called "Lady Scots" or even "Scotties." Along with other schools, Wooster phased out the separate terms, referring to all sports teams as the Fighting Scots.

**Linda Mortensen Hill** "finally started back for that M.B.A. this summer," she says. "Any words of advice for one my age doing this?" **LOU OCKUNZZI**, 9789 Woodhurst Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1375, <louockunzzi@yahoo.com>.

**1982** After 17 years and 4,000 criminal cases as a public defender in Cecil County, MD, **Jane Cairns Murray** is back in private practice. In April she left the public defender supervisory post that she held for over a decade and now takes cases in her Elkton office.

Note **John's** new e-mail address. **BARBARA BROWN**, 2151 Fairmount Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, <wish-boneandbarb@hotmail.com>; **JOHN P. SHAFFER**, 6208 Ridge Pond Rd. Apt. F, Centreville, VA 20121-4061, <shaferjp@hotmail.com>; and **SUSAN LANCASTER TONER**, 11593 Westbury Pl., Carmel, IN 46032, <susan\_toner@hotmail.com>.

**1983** First off, a quick apology to **Jay Daniel** for inadvertently referring to him as "her" in the last quarter's news. Special thanks to Cheryl

Lower Coonahan '84 for bringing the oversight to our attention.

In June **Jeff Todd** became the executive director of the Oregon State U Alumni Association and director of the school's office of alumni relations. For the past two years, Jeff was the executive vice president of the U of Arizona Alumni Association. He previously spent 16 years in the College alumni office. Jeff, **Jean Bolton Todd**, and their two daughters live in Corvallis.

**Jean Peacock** and her husband, Peter Kulakosky, recently bought a home, at 1325 Rapides Dr., New Orleans, LA 70121. Jean serves as the associate pastor at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. They invite friends to be in touch and visit.

In my (**David's**) quest for information, I'm starting to go directly to the source! Thanks to **Hugh Crowell** for this update: "I earned a master's in botany in 1986 and worked at the Ohio EPA until 1993. I married Julie Cronk that year, and we moved to the DC area, where I did consulting for the EPA.

"Our son, Seth, was born in 1994. We moved to Michigan the next year, and I managed an environmental education center until 1999. We then returned to Ohio, where I work with Hull and Associates in Columbus. I specialize in Clean Water Act regulatory issues and serve as the aquatic and terrestrial ecologist. Julie teaches at Columbus State Community College. We've almost finished restoring our 1926 Clintonville home and will be looking for a new hobby!"

See how easy it is to provide news? Please tell us what you're doing. It will make this job easier and eliminate at least one e-mail from your inbox!

**DAVE MARTIN**, 6874 Rosedale Ct.,

Mason, OH 45040, <dkmboater@hotmail.com>.

**1984** **Renee Moore Travis** writes, "Please get in touch with me, especially any '81s-'87s. My addresses are <ReneeTravis3@hotmail.com> or 3404 Brendan Ave., Baltimore, MD 21213. We have a lot of catching up to do!"

A recent news article focused on **Thomas Rancich**, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy and a Navy SEAL. Though Thomas has spent most of his 20 years of service in Virginia, he has led and participated in special operations in Bolivia, Afghanistan, and Kuwait. In 2003 he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal for several "critical operations" during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

At Alumni Weekend, we elected **Denise Short** and **Ken Dixon** as presidents and **Sue Steinkraus McDaniel** and **Lisa Young Page** as secretaries. Thanks to our retiring secretaries, **Elizabeth Renner Click** and **Jane Paxton Hoffman**.

See page 42 for some news of **Bruce Wiebusch**.

**SUE STEINKRAUS MCDANIEL**, 81 W. Church St., Fairport, NY 14450, <Mcdanielfive@aol.com>, and **LISA YOUNG PAGE**, 690 Lanark Ln., Painesville, OH 44077, <Lypage@att.net>.

**1985** **Sarah McGraw Krushinski** writes: "My husband, Scott, and I welcomed a bouncing baby boy on Jan. 3 in Pittsburgh. His name is Logan Scott. He is growing faster than we can keep him in clothes that fit. Helen (4) really loves having a little brother.

"I enjoyed singing in the Ohio

Light Opera 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration last summer. It was great to be back with the alumni on the Freedlander stage! If anyone would like to be in touch, our addresses are <mcgrawactor1@aol.com> or 157 Fox Meadow Dr., Wexford, PA 15090."

From Washington State, **Phyllis J. Izant** writes, "Our boys, Wallace (5 1/2) and Stuart (2 1/2) are in a day-long Montessori school, allowing me more time. I was elected to the board of the Pierce County YWCA in 2003 and asked to lead the fund development committee. A major YW program is a shelter for victims of domestic violence. I have the highly challenging task of taking private support to the next level, in a community still reeling from the tragic murder-suicide of the police chief and his wife in the spring of 2003."

**Dave Rhoad** is a divorced single parent raising two sons, Andy (12) and Michael (9). "Good friends and my faith carried me through," he says. "The boys are great guys. Single-parenting is a lot of work, but we have a lot of fun as well.

"After a few years in hospital administration, I'm now the general manager of Samaritan Care, a private ambulance and wheelchair van company in the Wooster area. We do over 7000 transports a year, have a great group of EMT's, paramedics, and drivers, and enjoy helping area residents. The best part - I can accommodate my sons' needs, keeping them top priority. Stop by, at 530 McClure St., or reach us online at <davidrhoad@sssnet.com>."

**JENNIFER BURROWS LANDEFELD**, 589 Ayers Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145, <jennsbl@jennsbl.com>.

**1986** **Warren Hedges**, <www.sou.edu/english/Hedges>, had some good financial luck and retired from his tenured job at Southern Oregon U. Currently "between lives," he teaches part-time and enjoys writing and traipsing about the Oregon-California border with his Australian Shepherd, Islay.

Note that **Peter** has moved and has a new e-mail address.

**PETER ANDERSON**, 15336 Faysmith



Ave., El Camino Village, CA 90249-3914, <pdanderson3@aol.com>, and **CHARLES RYAN**, 1302 Ridge Rd., Laurel Hollow, NY 11791, <Charles.Ryan@frx.com>.

**1987 Vance Russell** writes, "My father, Morley Russell '51, and I each took Dr. John Reinheimer's Organic Chemistry and agree that it was one of our best Wooster classes. This is an amazing legacy, considering that my father took the course in 1949 or 1950, and I took it almost 40 years later.

"Dr. Reinheimer would come up to you in lab and look at what you were doing (usually it was fiddling with setting up some distillation column or other). He'd calmly ask, 'What'cha makin'?' He will be sorely missed!"

**Daniel Rozmiarek** and Rebecca, <danielroz@yahoo.com>, happily announce the birth of their son, Joshua, on Sept. 3, 2003. He joins sisters Sarah (9) and Anna (2). Daniel teaches in the College of Education at Towson U in Maryland.

**Bryan and Karen Melech Gillooly** write, "We welcomed Kevin Lawrence into our home and hearts two days after he was born in Cleveland on Oct. 16, 2002, as a foster-to-adopt placement. We happily celebrated our first 'forever family' day, Apr. 28, 2004, the first anniversary of Kevin's adoption. Christopher is almost five years older than Kevin, but the boys enjoy playing and 'tickle-wrestling' together.

"We continue to provide short-term foster care for newborns. So far we've only had one placement — a girl. I finally got to buy pink! It was an amazing privilege to place her in her adoptive mother's arms at 2 1/2 weeks old. I encourage anyone who's thought about adoption and/or foster care to do it! It's a wonderful journey.

"Bryan is the assistant to the Bishop for Peace and Justice at the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. After six years at Catholic Charities, I left when Kevin arrived and work part-time writing grant reports and proposals for nonprofit organizations.

"I'm also on the board of Adoption Network Cleveland. That organ-

The wedding of Mark Herriott '92 and Susan McGowan '95, May 31, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Elizabeth Staruch, Ruth Berry, Sara Seidel, '95s, Bryan Reinicke '94, W. Randolph Miles '92, Jodi Butter Reinicke '99; (Middle) Harry Eberts, Jenny Harland, '81s, Chris Owens, Darren Meade, '91s, Mark Braunsdorf '93, Sarah Fuller, Shannon Sheehan, '95s; (Front) Cass Whittington '88, groom, bride



ization recently hired Kate Schantz '98 as program assistant. We compare notes on how the campus and traditions changed over time.

"We enjoy time with other Wooster alums in the area: **Laura VanDale**, her husband, Tedd Roos, and their two boys; Paul and Connie Kier Holter, '86s, and their two boys." **LISA DIMENT PANEPENTO**, 4130 Mallard Way, Wooster, OH 44691, <LBPanepento@aol.com>.

**1988** In May **Lisa E. Park** was honored with a Chairs' Award for Outstanding Achievement in Research from the U of Akron. Lisa is an associate professor of geology there.

See page 42 for news of **Lisa Lindquist Dorr**.

**Susan Limkemann Evans** writes, "We welcomed Jillian Maxine on Mar. 10. She and her big sister, Megan, keep us on our toes. I continue to practice law in Cleveland and spend all of my free time with the girls. I'd love to hear from old friends at <smevans@ex100.com>!"

Note the new postal address for **Cathy**.

**DEB CELINSKI**, 12244 Woodside Ct., Strongsville, OH 44136, <dacelinski@core.com>, and **CATHY CAMPBELL WRIGHT**, 40 Maplewood Dr., Athens, OH 45701, <catcwright@aol.com>.

**1989** Thanks to all who ventured to Wooster for our 15-year reunion. We had great attendance. Over 40 classmates, plus their spouses, significant others, and children came to our

reception on Friday night at the Wooster Inn, our barbeque lunch on Saturday afternoon in front of Douglass Hall, and our Mexican feast at Andrews Hall that night.

Outgoing class president **Sandeep Bhatia** and the reunion planning committee, **Ellen Muse-Lindeman**, **Anne Hevener**, and **Celinda Brandt Miller**, did a great job of organizing the events. Thanks to these classmates and to **Jennifer Hoskin Grosel**, **Robb Waid**, and **Michelle Pearsall**, who helped telephone members of our class.

Despite the typically bizarre northeastern Ohio weather, everyone who came to the reunion seemed to have a wonderful time catching up with classmates, wandering around campus, touring new buildings, and reminiscing. The rain pouring down on our tent at lunch was not exactly welcome — especially for those of us who believed the Cleveland weather forecasters and dressed for sunny skies and 77 degrees — but Wooster alums are hardy. We weren't about to let a little rain dampen our enthusiasm! Later that day, the skies cleared, and we had a beautiful evening.

During our lunch on Saturday, we managed to elect new class officers. Congratulations to Jennifer Grosel, our new president. Jen is still a stay-at-home mom in Euclid, Ohio. Her three active boys, Evan (9), Tommy (7), and Luke (2), keep Jen and her husband, Doug '86, on their toes.

Our new secretary, **Beth Kampmeier Palmer**, married

Frank Palmer in May 2003 and lives in Columbus, Ohio. She is the associate editor of the *Josephinum Journal of Theology* at the Pontifical College Josephinum, a Catholic seminary. She also does editorial and research projects for the theology faculty and the Josephinum advancement office.

I (**Erika Federmann**) tried to chat with as many of you as I could during Alumni Weekend but didn't get to talk with everyone. (On Saturday my kids had had enough of "mommy's old school" and wanted to go swimming in the hotel pool.) If I've left you out, please don't take it personally. Send news to our class secretary!

Shelley Pearsall was at the reunion with her husband, Mike Winter, a British citizen. Shelley and Mike were married on April 12, 2003, at Shelley's parents' house in Cleveland. Former Wooster track coach and French department member Jim Bean officiated at the ceremony. In October Shelley and Mike honeymooned for 16 days in Great Britain. Now they live with Mike's son, Ethan (5), in Silver Lake, Ohio, just north of Akron.

**Joyce Ewing-Barranco** is currently a stay-at-home mom. She, her husband, and three children live in the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia.

Jason '91 and **Daphne Daugherty Cody** came to the reunion. They have two little girls and are getting ready to leave their home in Lake Forest, IL, for a year's sabbatical in France. Daphne is an Episcopalian priest, and Jason teach-



es chemistry at Lake Forest College.

**Jill McFarland Jenkins** is a stay-at-home mom in Cincinnati where she lives with her husband and two children, Shea and Amy.

**Adam Cohen** and his wife live in Chicago and have two children, Ethan (5) and Rachel (1).

**Dean Economus** came back to Wooster with his wife, Renae, and their twin daughters (3). An ob/gyn, Dean and his family live in Youngstown.

**Elise Bonza Geither** brought her adorable little girl, Chloe, to the reunion. Elise will go to China this fall to adopt another baby.

**Chris and Beth Anne Tingley Pigge** and their children stopped in Wooster on their way to Disney World.

**Eric Chamberlain** is an orthopedic surgeon. He, his wife, and their four children (three boys and one girl) live in Pittsburgh.

**Scott** and Marabeth **Izzo** reside in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, with their two children, Brennan and Mikala. Scott is using his business degree to assist small businesses.

On Friday I (Erika) had dinner with Jennifer Grosel, **April Westover Mounts**, **Deb Esty**, **Judy Merriman Nadzam**, and **Alison Stenta Johnston**. I laughed so hard and talked so loudly that I was still hoarse four days later. In between heated discussions of college antics, drunken memories, and the weird stuff our kids do, I found out a bit about everyone.

**April** and **Jeff Mounts '90** live near Rochester, NY, with their two girls, Annika (6) and Amelia (3). April uses her music degree as a music therapist for a private school.

**Judy** lives in Richfield, Ohio, with her husband, Will, son Ryan (6), and daughter Meghan (3) and works part-time for Vintage Wine Distributors in Solon.

**Alison** and her husband, **Wes Johnston '88**, live in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Alison stays at home with their three girls, Madeline (6), Anna (3), and Rebecca (1).

**Deb** is a counselor for people with eating disorders and is working on a Ph.D. She and her husband, **Rich Danch**, and their son, **Colin (6)**, live in Wooster. Rich is the



The wedding of Seth Carpien and Cara Connolly, '94s, Nov. 22, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Jessica Amburgey Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Marcus Pillion, '94s, Jamie Ruhl '95, Dan Griffis, Alex Turchi, Mandy Marcu, '94s, Megan Boyle Georges '93, Scot Gordon '94, Josh Miner '96, Rob Mondillo '95; (Front) Glenn Nurmi '94, Spencer Harman '96, bride, groom, Eric Dietrich '94, Barney McGinley '97

College golf coach.

**Eric Foo** was not able to attend the reunion. He recently moved to Kota Kinabalu, in the State of Sabah, the Federation of Malaysia, to start a new job running coral farms. Sabah is bordered by the South China and the Sulu Seas. Eric writes, "I'll cultivate corals for aquarium sales and reef rehabilitation. I'll also develop a community project for the local fishermen and their families to grow corals as supplementary income. I'll work with the Institute of Marine Biology at University Malaysia, Sabah, and be living the Discovery Channel lifestyle!"

Eric is also working on a documentary film about the church that he's a part of, Sidang Injil Borneo (Borneo Evangelical Mission). "It's a story worth telling, trust me," he says. He'll live with his parents until the farm gets started, then he'll move there. "There are a couple of sites, beautiful pieces of land by the sea. Write to me! I'll build an extra shack for visitors."

I (Erika) have enjoyed being your class secretary, getting e-mails and letters from all over the world. It's been a privilege to pass this information along. I know Beth Palmer will do a fantastic job.

**BETH KAMPMEIER PALMER**, 1980 Northwest Blvd., Columbus, OH 43212, <evkamp@hotmail.com>.

**1990** Josh '89 and **Cath Allen Bauroth** announce the birth of their first child, Anastasia Kathryn, on Jan.

21. The family lives in Rochester, NY, where Josh is a First-Year Enrichment instructor at the Rochester Institute of Technology and Cath is a stay-at-home mom and part-time personal trainer. Contact Josh at <jpbauroth@yahoo.com> and Cath at <cgallen3@yahoo.com>.

**Jennifer Dugan** writes from the DC area, where she works at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, in the Office of AIDS Research, the vaccine clinical research branch. She's studying for a master's at George Washington U.

Akron, Ohio, is where we found **Greg Peacock**. An assistant prosecuting attorney for the Summit County Prosecutor's office, Greg reports, "I'm assigned to the child abuse unit, handling primarily the most serious child rape and abuse case. Fourteen years after Wooster, I've finally settled on a career where I can make a difference."

**Kirk Neureiter** is still working and playing soccer in Tokyo. In May he was preparing to play in a tournament against Manchester United and Arsenal. He traveled through the U.S. recently but did not see many Wooster grads.

From Kitengela, Kenya, **Sable Olindo** says that she assists with the Landmark Education programs offered in Nairobi. In January she became a certified HIV/AIDS counselor and tester. She's working on a course in play therapy. She has a son, Sajo (2).

"I just competed in my first mas-

ters national swimming championships in Indianapolis," writes **Carolyn Strunk Layne** from Bowling Green, Ohio. Carolyn is the head coach at the Bowling Green Swim Club and has a son, CJ (2).

**Stephanie Zachary** sends an update, "After Wooster I earned both a bachelor's and a master's in nursing from Case Western Reserve U." Stephanie bought her first home in Parma, Ohio, in 2002 and works at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland.

**RUTH REYNOLDS COTTER**, 1077 Ardsley Rd., Schenectady, NY 12308-3011; **CANDICE DAVIS PALYA**, 704 Dunkirk Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212; and **JULIE RIVINUS**, 6451 Alamo Ave., Apt. 1E, Clayton, MO 63105, <wooster\_90@hotmail.com>.

**1991** **David McKoski** teaches at Clemente Community Academy in Chicago. He was one of 32 finalists for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. The annual award is given to the 10 most outstanding teachers in the Chicago area.

**Peter** and **Liz Kostos** announce the birth of their first child, Grant Davis, on Jan. 17. They reside in Voorhees, NJ, and would love to hear from classmates and/or OATs at <peter\_kostos@hotmail.com>.

In February **Stephen Ndegwa** gave the third lecture in the 2004 Great Decisions series at the College, "U.S. Foreign Policy and Engagement with Africa." Stephen is an associate professor of political science at the



College of William and Mary and an analyst for the World Bank.

**Michael Boso** writes, "After making a few wrong turns, I've found my way back to downtown Lexington, where I enjoy my new career as service manager at the Lafayette Club. Right across the street, at the historic Kentucky Theater, I'm the assistant audio engineer for 'The Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour' and technical director of the Troubadour concert series.

"Just three doors up, at the new Downtown Arts Center, I'm a sound designer for the Actors' Guild of Lexington theatre company. And a few blocks away, at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, I serve as Sunday caretaker, substitute sound technician, and a member of the worship committee and take youth groups to camp retreats.

"I'm in regular contact with **Matt Carson** and treasure my memories of so many wonderful friendships at Wooster."

Steve and **Barbara Bena Chua** live in Orangeville, Ontario, one hour from Toronto, Canada, where Steve works with Singing Waters Ministries. They welcomed their fifth child, Sophie Feng Yi, on Aug. 19, 2003. Barb stays at home with Sophie and her siblings, Joshua Feng Zheng (9), Hannah Feng Hui (7), Abigail Feng Xia (5), and Elisabeth Feng Soong (3). Friends can reach her at <clanchua@aol.com>.

**Robin Rae Cordell Sommers** got married in June 2001 and lives near Toronto, Ontario. She'd love to hear from classmates and friends, at <brdrweasel@cogeco.ca>.

**Doug Fowler** writes that he is running for president as a write-in candidate. He has always wanted to do this, and he thinks now is the time. See <dougfowler4president.blogspot.com>.

**Julia Webster Causey** and her husband purchased their first home in Portland, OR. Julia would love to hear from classmates in that area.

In July **Robinson Noble** began an M.B.A. program at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke U.

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(Clockwise from top) Chris Strompolos (Indiana Jones, producer), Eric Zala (Belloq, director), and Jayson Lamb (special effects, camera) in 1988 with their favorite prop, an old truck, just before they blew it up

## Indiana Jones — Take Two

For a trio of pre-teens in Mississippi in the 1980s, summers were a bit dull. Until one of them, **Chris Strompolos '93**, hit on an ambitious plan — to reproduce the blockbuster film, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. The boys had one thing in common besides boredom — adoration for the film's hero, Indiana Jones. The plan turned into an seven-year obsession. Strompolos and his pals, Eric Zala and Jayson Lamb, studied the characters, documented scenes, constructed props and costumes from household materials, and worked with a pirated soundtrack. They acted, produced, shot, and directed, drafting the occasional unsuspecting friend (to play a female role, for example). They even got permission from the U.S. Navy to shoot a scene on a submarine. The project survived bitter disputes, near disasters, such as setting fire to their makeshift studio, and primitive, heavy equipment — no portable camcorders.

The three completed *Raiders of the Lost Ark: An Adaptation* in 1989, just before Strompolos entered the College. Relieved, he and his friends thought the project had finally come to an end. The film's few copies circulated among friends and Indiana Jones devotees.

Fast forward fifteen years and Indiana Jones — the remade one — is back and soaring. A screening in Texas caught the attention of writer/director Eli Roth (*Cabin Fever*) and Harry Knowles (*Ain't It Cool News* Web site). Roth got a copy to Steven Spielberg, the original *Raiders* director, who sent each of the surprised filmmakers a congratulatory letter. *Vanity Fair* published a feature about them in March, and NPR interviewed them in July. Scott Rudin Productions and Paramount Studios want to make a film that tells the story of the trio and their unusual version of "what I did last summer."



Chris Strompolos (third from left) with fellow filmmakers (from left) Jayson Lamb, Steven Spielberg, and Eric Zala

One thing Strompolos learned in this process — "not to give up easily...We had one of our childhood dreams come true — meeting Mr. Spielberg — incredible." Zala told NPR that after getting Spielberg's letter, he thought, "OK, I can die now." Not so fast. His friend has another ambitious plan. "Eric and I are sharing story ideas for the screenplay of an adventure film that we'll write and shoot in Mississippi," Strompolos says. "We've kindled excellent relationships with the Mississippi Film Commission and the Crossroads Film Society, to lay the groundwork for financial support." As for the remake, he says, "We're doing select screenings, focusing on educational settings to inspire kids and/or young, creative people." Telling them, no doubt, "Never give up!" Contact these rising stars at <raidersadaptation@earthlink.net>. —JWM

Arbutus, MD 21227, <rmcclelland@prodigy.net>.

**1992** *Accidental Rapture* by **Eric Pfeffinger** ran in Chicago in December. The play tells the story of different ways that college pals react to the apocalypse. Critics called the production "a revelation in more ways than one" and "both an intriguing tease and a frustration." Read more from Eric on page 26.

**Beth Garrison-Kemp** and Bill welcomed their third "and final!" child, Chloe Elizabeth, on Dec. 5, 2003. She was born on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. Amelia (4) and Isabelle (2) are thrilled. Although Beth enjoys being a stay-at-home mom, "I'm actually not home much, thanks to the girls' social lives! I would love to hear from friends at <garribeth@yahoo.com>."

**Susan Louis** and her husband, Matthew Pazderak, welcomed Benjamin Michael on Feb. 9. He joins brother Owen James (3). The couple resides in Silver Lake, Ohio, and both teach in the Kent City Schools. Reach them at <selouis@msn.com>.

One of Owen's best friends is Alicia Kaffen, the daughter of **Jennie Fabens Kaffen**. Susan and Jennie happened upon each other at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo last summer. Jennie and her husband, Jonathan, have two children, Alicia (3) and Joe (1).

Jennie teaches English as a second language, as does **Susan Trowbridge**. Susan lives in Maryland with her husband, Derek.

A reunion with Heather Brandstetter '93, another housemate, and all of our Lowry dinner table friends is in order!

Susan sends two other updates. "Kasey Albert '91 has been traveling solo through Asia. She keeps her friends and family informed of her adventures through witty e-mails.

"Kevin Cavanaugh '93 and his wife, Jennifer, have a second son. Both boys, Duncan (2) and baby Andrew, are beautiful."

**Karen Aeberli** won the women's event at the 36th annual Chickamauga Chase on Apr. 3, running the 15K in slightly under an hour.



**KATHLEEN QUINN**, 241 Johns Hill Rd., Highland Heights, KY 41076, <quinnkl@email.uc.edu>.

**1993 Erika Poethig** is a program officer at the MacArthur Foundation in the area of transportation policy. She and her husband, Ray, belong to Lakeview Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where Erika was instrumental in forming the church's social justice committee. She works for the redevelopment of an urban congregation and in mission for the Middle East and serves on the board of Protestants for the Common Good.

See page 11 for a photo of **Ryan Burgess**.

**CHARLIE GALL**, 1030 Larkin St. Apt. 12, San Francisco, CA 94109, <charlesgall@hotmail.com>, and **KIM REMLEY**, 21 Woodbridge Road, North Andover, MA 08145, <kimandsteve1@comcast.net>.

**1994 Steve Ifeduba**, previously corporate counsel at Nationwide Insurance, now is securities and governance counsel for Nationwide, with a greater emphasis on SEC work.

Recently recognized for excellent skills in coaching college baseball was **Barry Craddock**, baseball coach at Denison U. Barry played baseball all four years at the College and began his career as the Wooster assistant coach. He cites Tim Pettorini, head baseball coach at Wooster, as one of his mentors. Helping young people realize their dreams motivates Barry, he told a news reporter.

**Amy Morros** works at Jane Addams Hull House Association, a Chicago social service agency, and is finishing a thesis on her experience in Benin for an M.A. in sustainable development from the School for International Training.

**Amy Lawrence Bozza** writes: "I had a baby boy on Feb. 15, Patrick Lawrence. He joins his sister, Julia Megan (3). I am on maternity leave from my job as a middle school social studies teacher but will return in September. My husband, Robert, and I still live in Morristown, NJ. I would love to hear from classmates



The wedding of Phesheya Nxumalo '95 and Nicole Whitehead, April 3, 2004. (Clockwise, from far left) March Dadzie '96, groom, John Retzlaff '96, Ron Craig '95, Jeremy Dadzie '98, Victor Fubler '95, bride

at <Amy.bozza@verizon.net>."

While **Robert Corna Jr.** was working as an assistant director on *The Passion of the Christ*, which was filmed in Italy, he started a professional lacrosse team. Robert played lacrosse while at Wooster. He coaches and travels with the Italian national lacrosse team between movie shoots. He also started a high school team for the American Overseas School of Rome and coached Mel Gibson's son.

**Elsa Bando Rodrigues** writes: "Since graduation I have taught mathematics (sometimes also Japanese, music, or computers) in several international schools in Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain. I met Ryan Rodrigues in Bahrain, and we got married this past year. We have moved to London, bought a house, and are now quite settled. I'd love to hear from anyone at <e\_r\_rodrigues@excite.com>."

In May **Jennifer Read** graduated Phi Theta Kappa with high honors from Santa Fe Community College with an Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing. She'll enter the U of New Mexico School of Nursing this fall to complete a dual master's in nurse-midwifery and family nurse practitioner, with a focus on rural health care.

Jennifer continues to enjoy working as a massage therapist at Ten Thousand Waves Japanese Spa in Santa Fe and wants to hear from Woosterites and Crandalls who are passing through. The spa was written up in *1,000 Places to See Before You Die* by Patricia Schultz (Workman Publishing, 2003). Reach Jennifer at <PleiadesNM@aol.com>.

This will be our (**Tamara**

**Campbell** and **Eleanor Kalejs Ryman**'s last submission as class secretaries. It was great seeing so many faces at our 10th reunion. If I (Tamara) spoke with you and didn't include you here, it's because I didn't want to submit any incorrect information. Please send your news to Wooster via mail or e-mail or to one of the new class secretaries, **Sara Kerewich-Taylor**, **Steve Nichols**, or **Jessica Amburgey-Ryan**. Here are some updates.

"Hello, it's **Tim "Timo" Smith**. I live in the Philippines and am vice president for operations at Qinteraction, an international call center. I'm married with a daughter (3 mos). I hope to visit Wooster again soon with my uncle, Derrill Smith '58, and cousin, Richard."

**Jen Lavris** planned on attending the reunion but got dragged back to Egypt instead. She says, "On Alumni Weekend, I wore a Woo T-shirt and thought of you all."

"I still work in Abydos, Egypt, with the Penn-Yale-IFA Expedition. We were filmed for National Geographic TV this time (look for the Woo shirt). The magazine article will come out this fall or winter, with a picture of me, as far as I know, and the TV show will come out soon."

"When I'm not in Egypt, I'm the archaeologist at Canyon De Chelly National Monument in Arizona — any Woo alums coming out this way can stop and say hello."

**Seth Carpien** married **Cara Connolly** last November (see photo on page 51). Cara says, "We had a nice Woo crowd at our wedding. **Glenn Nurmi** was Seth's best man. We live in a Pittsburgh neighbor-

hood called Aspinwall. We spent a month fixing up our house before moving in. Seth is the proud owner of a restaurant, The Bridge, on Pittsburgh's South Side. We serve American/Italian food. Seth loves being his own boss! There's a second-floor patio — come by for great food and drink."

"I am a cardiac critical care R.N. for UPMC, working toward a master's in nursing at the U of Pittsburgh. Things are very busy, working during the day and going to the restaurant at night. We see **Mandy Marcu**, who teaches at Winchester Thurston School in Pittsburgh."

**Marcy Hunt-Morse** is leaving Oregon. She writes, "My husband, Drew, got a job at John Carroll U, and we'll move to Cleveland in August. I hope to reconnect with Wooster folks in the area. I'm finishing the requirements to be a licensed psychologist."

**Clari Roberts** says, "I've loved life in Colorado for the past four years. I'm a teacher leader and teach seventh-grade science and social studies at in urban Denver. That keeps me busy and stressed out, but that's why I still play soccer! Please e-mail me, at <clariroberts@hotmail.com>. If anyone comes out to Colorado, you have a place to stay!"

**Catherine Smith** has worked in Arthur Andersen's legal group for two years. "The work doesn't seem to be slowing down, and I'll be here indefinitely. Visiting the Chicago area? You're always welcome!"

**Lisa Hall Halstead** says, "Tony, Abby (now 1), and I moved back to San Antonio in April. I work at Sea World again, training sea lions, walrus, and otters, and love it! Tony



has entered real estate. We are so stinkin' excited to be back in Texas! Our e-mail is <tlhalstead@cs.com>."

**SARA KEREWICH-TAYLOR**, 60 Bayside Ave., Oyster Bay, NY 11771, <Sktaylor@optonline.net>; **JESSICA AMBURGEY-RYAN**, 32443 Briarwood Dr., North Ridgeville, OH 44039, <Ryanjs@hotmail.com>; and **STEPHEN S. NICHOLS**, 341 Stevens Ave., Wooster, OH 44691, <Nichols\_145@yahoo.com>.

**1995 Sarah G. Fuller** is now the program officer for the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program. At the NAFSA Association of International Educators in Baltimore in May, Sarah attended a panel on faculty leadership in international education that she proposed last fall.

**Gabrielle Yaunches** married Paul Morey on Aug. 2, 2003, in Paoli, PA. **Jenny Lindquist Orten** and **Cameron Philpott Chason** attended. Gabrielle says, "We missed **Naomi Crummey**, who was stuck in Chicago due to tornadoes.

"We honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii, then came back to Utah where Paul finished a master's in wildlife biology. We recently moved to Dolores, CO, a rural town not too far from Telluride, Durango, or Mesa Verde National Park — beautiful." Find Gabrielle at <gabiyaunch@yahoo.com>.

**Melissa Mullins** wrote from DC in February, "My partner, Renee, and I had a commitment ceremony in the fall of 2002. We'll see if we can turn our 'domestic partnership' into a 'marriage' in San Francisco."

**Marguerite Johnston Wills** of Michigan holds several patents. She invented a collapsible and flexible pouring attachment for automotive lubricants, agricultural products, household chemicals, and the like.

**BECCA SANDERS MASTIN**, 4 Fall River Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014, <becca.mastin@fuse.net>.

**1996 Darwin Keith-Lucas** is an engineer with Artisent Inc. in Boston.

**Lamont Paris** was named the assistant coach for U of Akron basketball team, after four years as the top assistant at Indiana U of Pennsylvania.

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**MICHELLE PERRIGO**, Apt. C19, 2114 Sunnyside Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49048, <meesch@stratos.net>; and **ANDREW VELLENGA**, 7510-11 Cove Point Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613, <vellengae@4mcd.usmc.mil>.

**1997 Julia Jones** spent nine months in El Salvador with the Reconciliation and Mission team, a part of World Wide Missions. This program was an exchange of four people from Latin American countries and four from the U.S. Julia also spent a year each at the Presbyterian UN office and the Presbyterian Church (USA) office for peace and justice in Louisville and was an intern in the denomination's Washington office.

A new member of the Bi-national Service Community (affiliated with the PCUSA), Julia stays in contact with the people and churches of El Salvador to promote justice issues. Last year she was a part of an international election monitoring team in El Salvador.

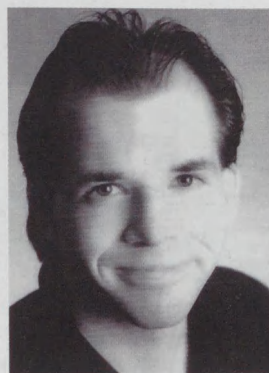
Upon graduation from Wooster, **Ben Larson** became interim director of his presbytery's camp. He went to India as a Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer and then worked at the church headquarters in Louisville in the international volunteers office. Ben helped with summer volunteer programs and Youth Triennium. He went to McCormick Theological Seminary, graduated in May, and passed the requirements for ordination.

**Aaron Hoffman** lives in Mendoza, Argentina. He is happily married to Carolina Camelo and is the proud father of Sofia Evelyn.

**Amber Alvarez** says: "I married David Torgerson on May 17, 2003, with Alexis Thomas Lloyd '96 and **Stephanie Viti** at my side. I graduated this spring with a J.D. from the U of North Carolina. My husband is in a Ph.D. program at Duke, so we'll likely be here for a few more years. If anyone ends up in the Research Triangle, look us up!"

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## Skydiving for Shakespeare



Wooster theatre major **Phil Kasper '97** (above) went to great heights in founding the Indiana Shakespeare Festival in Bloomington, Indiana. With such a big undertaking, he took the natural first step — out of an airplane at 13,000 feet.

"When you're an out-of-work actor in a state that has little to offer a theater career, jumping out of a plane would appear to have as much logic as pursuing an acting career in the first place," Kasper says. "The chances of surviving a first-time skydive, though, are much higher than the chances of actually making a living in theater."

On April 23, 2004, Shakespeare's 440th birthday, an anxious Phil Kasper planned to take the accelerated free fall skydive for which he'd been training. He called his fundraiser for the Indiana Shakespeare Festival "Taking a Dive for the Bard." The winds were too much for first-timers that day, though, so, somewhat relieved, he waited a few more weeks for the weather to calm.

Finally, on May 15, Kasper jumped. Aside from punching one of the instructors with his flailing arms while in free fall, the dive went off without a hitch.

The fundraising around that event didn't go quite as well, but the company continues. (Jenny McComas '99 serves on the

board.) The effort includes a touring branch called Tavern Shakespeare, which performs brief comic scenes at local bars.

"Tavern Shakespeare strives to connect Will Shakespeare with twenty-first century audiences by bringing him out of books and back to public gathering places, where he belongs, at a reasonable price," Kasper says. Shakespeare is a playwright with proven appeal for the masses and a built-in audience in a university town such as Bloomington. The list of Shakespeare's characters who would fit right in at a neighborhood dive is extensive — Falstaff, Toby Belch, Prince Hal, and the Boar's Head Tavern crew.

Extending beyond taverns, though, the Indiana Shakespeare Festival put on its first production this summer, *A Cry of Players* by William Gibson. Not a play written by Shakespeare, but one about him — an imagined account of his life as a young man in Stratford, before he was seduced to the stage by a troupe of traveling players.

Kasper thought that Gibson's contemporary take on a man who's familiar in name and deed — but not in person — would be a good introduction to audiences who may not have an interest in the bard's plays. "With a real person on stage, a family man who's struggling to get through daily life like anybody else in the world, the connections become clearer. Suddenly you can relate. He becomes a living guy, much more than a textbook figure."

The Indiana Shakespeare Festival hopes that audiences realize that the Festival is just that: a festival. It's a good story and a good time, a risk worth taking — like jumping out of an airplane.

Keep track of this venture at <www.geocities.com/boarshead-tavern>.

**1998** During our short stint as your loyal class secretaries, we (**Terry** and **Sally**) have tried a number of tactics to scare up responses from our lovely (if not so responsive) classmates. Tactics include, but are not limited

to, friendly requests, spontaneous phone calls, and threatening e-mails. In the future, we may resort to good old blackmail. We still have photos from toga parties in Armington!

One person who responds well to threats is **Becky Bender**. She



moved back to DC in February and is now the catering manager at Tortilla Coast Restaurant on the Hill (one of the best places to get a margarita in DC, in our opinion — trust us, we've done our research!). Becky is happy to be back in DC. She'd love to hear from anyone in the area, at <bender\_becky@hotmail.com>.

**Brian Grindall**, <brian\_grindall@hotmail.com>, also lives in DC and works for a real estate development consulting firm.

Brian let us know that **Chris Atkins** is finishing graduate studies in contemporary art in London.

**Patrick Scott** still teaches at Maret School in DC and thoroughly enjoys it. This year, in addition to band classes, he'll be the assistant director of the middle school — an interesting and exciting challenge.

**Jonathan Seitz** completed the second year of a Ph.D. program in history and ecumenics at Princeton U. He continues to be interested in the intersections of faith and culture, and his dissertation looks at the first Protestant writings in Chinese. Jon enjoys his work as a youth director at Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church. His wife, Emily, to whom he's been married for three years, finished an M.L.I.S. at Rutgers.

**Rich Updegrove** was recently hired as an AmeriCorps worker for Project Reach Out, a program for runaway youth at HRC Mental Health Center in Superior, MN.

**Matt** and Heather Turnbull '99 Reeves have not gotten any sleep since son Evan arrived in January. The happy family lives in Kansas City, MO, where Matt is a Presbyterian pastor and Heather is delighted to be a full-time mom for a bit. Reach Matt at <matthewreeves@parkvillepresby.org>.

Like many of you, **Julie Morrison Walkenhorst** has been "too busy" to update us. (We'll forgive her because she has finally done so. You, on the other hand, e-mail us right now!) Julie married Dave Walkenhorst '99 and moved to northern Virginia. She finished her second year of teaching high school chemistry in Fairfax County. Dave is a flight instructor at Manassas Airport and hopes to get a job with an airline soon. In their little bit of free



The wedding of Brooke Abernethy and Adrian Braun, '98s, Aug. 31, 2003. (Back row, left to right) Ryan Catteau, Ryan Banach, '98s, Alex Hopkins '00, Nate Zahn '02, Ryan Lewkowski, Jamie Falquet, '98s, Caleb Tiller '96, Jeffrey Bumiller '98, Marshall Jordan, Nathan Beachler, '99s; (Middle) Regan Samul '98, Amelia Hankin, Jenny Schroeder, Liz Hallenbeck, '99s, Margi Hazlett '02, Bill Barker '99, Martin Key, Dan Furlong, Candy Panigutti, Kathy Ward, '98s, Dixie Luddy '99; (Front) Angie Lombardo '98, Danielle Baughman, Chaya Cashin, '99s, bride, groom, Shanna Jalali Bumiller '98

time, they work on fixing up the house that they bought last year and visit friends and family. Find Julie at <juliewalkenhorst@yahoo.com>.

Julie reports that **Heather Rowell Michalak**, M.D., is doing a pediatric residency in Rochester, NY. **Beth Shell** is finishing a Ph.D. in biochemistry at the U of Cincinnati and will teach at Berry College in Georgia starting in the fall.

**Andrea Shreve-Neiger** got married in 2000 to Brad Neiger and lives in Morgantown, WV. She is working on a Ph.D. in adult clinical psychology. The couple bought a house in Pittsburgh, where Andrea will work at the VA Hospital. Reach her at <andreashreve-neiger@hotmail.com>.

At the Woo reunion last June Andrea reports that she "had a blast but was bummed to see such a measly turnout. Hopefully, our 10-year will be more fruitful." Put it on your calendars — June 2008!

Andrea says that **Colleen Ryan** is now an M.D. and doing a residency in Denver, and that **Emily Dunford** and Bill Hubbard '97 are married and living in Cleveland. Andrea talks to **Matt** and **Meg McLaughlin Sparks**, who are doing well in Columbus, Ohio. She says that **Nikoo Kaszmai** is saving money to move to California. (Andrea's quite the social butterfly — we'll nominate her for class secre-

tary next time!)

**Paige Stanton**, <telumee@yahoo.com>, graduated with a master's in French-English translation from Kent State U in May. While there, she fell in love with an Ohio boy "just in time for my departure...sigh." Paige moved to San Diego this summer and then will hopefully head to France to live. Everyone keep their fingers crossed (hers have already gone numb!).

**Kendra C. Sims**, <kcsims1@hotmail.com>, writes, "Hey kids, Kendra got a promotion! I'm now the assistant director of residence life

and judicial affairs at Robert Morris U in suburban Pittsburgh. Who knew that those humble beginnings as an RA in Wagner would turn into a career! In the area? Look me up."

**Sarah Sanderson-Doughty** serves on the Presbyterian Church (USA) Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church.

To serve our class better as secretaries, we (Terry and Sally) called a special organizational conference in Las Vegas in April. We discussed our column's vision over quarter slots at the Tropicana and narrowly escaped

## Help Find Your Lost Classmates

### Class of 1998

Michael Bauer  
Brandi Sherrice Baylock  
Marla Diane Berry  
David Armiger Bryant  
Eileen Amanda Conto  
Martin Alexander Conway  
Marc Gregory DiFrancesco  
Karen D. Engle  
Jeffrey Lee Evans  
Randolph S. Fotheringham  
Frank Hiroshi Harris  
Sarah Elizabeth Harris  
Nathan Adam Hoerr  
Angad Katyal  
Anthony Michel Kokocinski  
Brian Joseph Madigan

Lisa Barbara Martin  
Meiraff Meshesha  
Tanya Mirza  
Kathy Ann Newman  
Rajshree Ojha  
Darren Fredric Rogers  
Douglas Aaron Schwalbach  
Scott Michael Shlaes  
Anna Karin Sjogren  
Daniel Charles Stryker  
Melanie Marie Sword  
Harsh Dinesh Toprani  
Klaus Wachholz  
Jason William White  
Aya Yoshikawa  
Yilun Zhang

### Do you have information about your friends?

Contact: Barb Polen, Alumni Recorder, Gault Alumni Center  
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purchasing a timeshare on the Strip. Neither of us left any richer, but we came back refreshed, rejuvenated, and ready to tackle another year. We eagerly await any and all news — don't make us get out the photos!

**TERRENCE HEUBERT**, 618 F St. NE #9, Washington, DC 20002-5250, and **SALLY THELEN**, <woosterclassof1998@yahoo.com>.

**1999** **Ryan Allen** has worked as an assistant director of admissions at the College since graduation. He travels to high schools to speak to students and staff about Wooster and enjoys the time on the road. His biggest rewards are seeing the students on the campus and knowing that he is helping some of them further their educations.

**Greg Boettner** worked in Cincinnati for two years after graduation, one year with a lawyer on HIV issues and the other with Alzheimer's patients. Greg was a Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer in Juneau for a year. He worked at the Zach Gordon Teen Center, established in the 1960s to serve native youth. Greg and his wife returned to the lower 48, where he attends McCormick Theological Seminary.

**Jesse Larson** also served as a Young Adult Volunteer, in Ghana. He returned to the States and for three years has worked at First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo with a young people's group that he started. He continues to make trips to West Africa.

**Megan O'Donnell Becker** writes, "I miss you, dear Wooster friends! I live in Chesapeake, VA, with my husband (who's also my best friend), Kevin. We have a new house and just got a kitten, Mr. Sassy Cat. Kevin finished an M.B.A and is pursuing a logistics career. I am a kitchen and bath designer and love it! I'd love to hear from you."

**Kunal Singh** tells us, "After a very successful five-year stint at Moody's Investors Service, I have jumped over to J. P. Morgan Securities here in Manhattan. I got married in Dec. 2003 in a beautiful ceremony overseas. I'm thrilled about these major life changes. I'd love to hear from classmates in the

Big Apple area."

**Heather Reynolds-Powell** writes, "Gary, Lily (1), and I welcomed Liam Karsten to the Powell clan on Feb. 25. We built a house on the east side of Cincinnati for our growing family. It's been hectic, but we enjoy every minute."

**Laura Allyson Markley** earned an M.D. from the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine on May 22. She moved to Salt Lake City, UT, for a triple board residency, specializing in pediatrics and adult and child psychiatry. She'd love to be in touch! Find her at <lmarkle@neoucom.edu>.

Laura's excited that her sister, LuAnn, will be a first-year at C.O.W. this fall and will play volleyball.

**Julie Theisen** is a student nurse at Anoka Technical College in Minnesota.

**Mark Schlabach** is the Loudonville (Ohio) High School men's basketball coach. He previously coached the women's team, leading it to a 17-6 record and state ranking in 2000-01. This past year, he and the athletic director upgraded the schedule to prepare the men's team for the state tournament, and they were successful. Mark led the team to the state semifinals. When Mark's not coaching, he teaches mathematics.

**Timeka Thomas Rashid**, <trashid@otterbein.edu>, will start a Ph.D. in higher education administration in the fall at Ohio U. Timeka and her husband, Abdul H. Rashid '94, won the Outstanding Young Alumni Award at Wooster's Alumni Weekend in June. We're very proud!

During our reunion, we elected **Deborah Krudwig Gutowski** as class secretary. Send her your news! Thanks to **Kerry Hardy** and **Christy Rauch** for serving as secretaries for the last five years.

**DEBORAH KRUDWIG GUTOWSKI**, 1111 Churchill Rd., Lyndhurst, OH 44124, <Wooster1999@aol.com>.

**2000** **Emily Welty** is an M.A. student at American U studying the role of religion in international peace and conflict resolution. She works full-time at Adoptions Together, a non-profit adoption agency that special-



(From left) Keili Meyer, Evan McDaniel, '03s, Dan Dean '02, and Brendan Callahan '03 pose in front of a city mural in Chapel Hill, N.Car., in March.

izes in placing medically fragile infants and older African-American children. On the peacemaking committee at Takoma Park Presbyterian Church, Emily presented a paper on Muslim-Christian dialogue at the Islamic Society of North America's national convention. She spent time last summer in Hebron, Palestine, as part of a Christian Peacemaker Team.

**Robert Sweet** writes: "After three years of selling medical supplies, I finally broke into orthopaedic device sales with Smith and Nephew. It's every bit as exciting and challenging as I had hoped. A special thanks to those who celebrated my career move with me! Those with whom I've lost contact, get in touch at <rspencersweet@aol.com>."

**MAURA FINN**, 3 Stuyvesant Oval Apt. 10c, New York, NY 10009, <maurafinn12@hotmail.com>.

**2001** **Lisa Perkins** has joined the staff of Matha MacDonald LLC, a strategy and communications consulting firm in Chicago.

**Amanda Harpster** moved to Columbus in September to pursue a master's in epidemiology at Ohio State U.

**Michael Browne** is in his third year as editor of *Dirt Rag* (see <www.dirtmag.com>). He says, "I ride bikes a lot, depend less and less on my car, and work to make Pittsburgh a bicycle-friendly town. We've a long way to go, but thankfully there are models out there!"

**Aubrie Smith-Maravillas** will begin an R.N. program at the College of San Mateo. She's enjoyed

working in operations for the City of San Mateo for the past year while completing the nursing program's science requirements. Drop her a line at <aubrie@rcn.com>.

**JOY BISHOP**, 9566 Shaw Rd., Spencer, OH 44275, <joybishop22@hotmail.com>.

**2002** **Elizabeth Kriynovich** writes, "I continue to work as an admissions counselor for Wooster and travel nationwide to recruit students. This summer, I began graduate studies at the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College in Vermont. I've just moved to a new house in Wooster and would love to see classmates who are in town!"

Aaron '01 and **Jane Rackley Shear** moved to Pittsburgh, PA, where Jane attends grad school in music at Duquesne U. Aaron still works for Civil and Environmental Consultants. Check out their wedding photo on page 44.

**Kevin Heintschel** writes, "I have changed careers, hopefully for the last time, and am buying my first home. I'm a conductor with Norfolk Southern Railroad. Anywhere between Pittsburgh and Chicago, I may be on that train that's holding up traffic. Premier Entertainment, my DJ company, still flourishes, with 15 weddings this season (including some for Wooster alumni or friends) and other events in Charlotte, Detroit, and Youngstown."

Kevin is glad to see that the Phi Sigma Alpha legacy cannot be stopped: "Sigs are landing in Nashville, TN, for Pappy's Wild River Run 2004." By late April, lots





The wedding of F. James Martin and Katy Leedy, '03s, May 10, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Jeff Binder, Dusty Smith, '03s, bride, Richard Poole '03, Justin Fisher, Luke Dalrymple, '04s, Michael Duvall '03, Kyle Kindbom '04; (Fourth row) Deanne Rider '04, Heather Reed '05, Andrea Ragsdale '06, groom, Jenna Vacha, Becky Richmond Poole, '04s, Jen Schade '02, Amy Gerber '03, Amy's guest; (Third row) Dave Workman '04, Steve Baughman '01, Carey Speros '03, Hai Dang Nguyen '06, Sarah Nicholson, Anne Baughman, '05s, guest of Michael Kuschnir, Michael Kuschnir, Tom Spears, '04s; (Second row) Jacob Dodson '02, Katie Hyland Dodson, Jon Brooks, '03s, Liz Farina, Michael Ludwig, '02s, Rachel Dawson Ludwig '01; (Front) Amanda Smith, Margie Fry, Kristina Brady, Sarah Gaudio, Kendra Heffelbower, '03s, Jerome Hall '02, Andrew Shields '04

of alums from '95-'03 were already onboard for the early summer event. Kevin asks us all to "vote for change in 2004!" E-mail him at <Sigfb56@hotmail.com>.

In India **Lisa Vaz** works for Sula Vineyards, <www.sulawines.com>, in marketing. "Sula wines are available in the U.S.," she says, "so keep an eye out and let me know what you think, at <lisavaz@hotmail.com>. I want to send a special 'holla' to Nick Mwaiambo '03 and **Ashley Gillespie**, who need to come visit me in India!"

**Liz Farina** is on the move again. She writes from Chicago, "I live with a roommate, Sarah, whom I feel very fortunate to have found via craigslist.org. She teaches ESL at a school for high school-aged immigrant kids, is fluent in Spanish, and lived abroad (Ecuador) for a while. She's in some ways very much from the Wooster mold, although she went to Indiana U-Bloomington. We get along smashing, and the apartment is in a great neighborhood. Now, if I can just find a permanent job." Reach Liz at <lizfarina@aol.com>.

**Melissa Melvin** lives in the Pittsburgh area. "I work full-time doing third-party deductible research on property and casualty insurance claims, so I spend most of my day reading — fitting for an English major! I've begun a master's

in the art of teaching, for secondary English."

**Jonah Mytro** started Spike Boston Volleyball, a volleyball club and marketing organization. He works for a full-service Internet ad agency, MediaSpike, and is a small business consultant and Web designer for Boston-area companies.

**Michael Wood** earned an M.A. from the University of Leeds, in England, in music and liturgy and plays the organ at Holy Trinity Church. He was involved in productions of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *The Voyage* by Phillip Glass (a UK premiere).

I (**Maren**) hope you all had a great summer. Can you believe it's been two years since graduation? Tell us what you're up to!

**MAREN L. MILLER**, 1324 East Towne Ln. Apt. D, Delaware, OH 43015, <Wooster02@hotmail.com>.

**2003 Emily Todd** came to campus in February to talk to students about a career in activism. She discussed the job market in non-governmental organizations. Emily works with Catholic Charities in St. Petersburg, FL, as an Americorps volunteer. She's the program assistant for the Peace and Social Justice Institute and the refugee resettlement program.

**Justin Seibert** is back at his high school alma mater, Ridgewood, in Coschocton, Ohio, teaching freshman biology. The recipient of a generous scholarship to Wooster from the Coschocton Foundation, Justin says that he's happy not to have to worry about college loans. The only stipulation is that the award recipient must teach math or science at Ridgewood to for three years. Justin is happy and hopes to stay longer.

**Peter King** moved to Cleveland Heights last fall with **Nick Hanson** and **Matt Cutler**. They live in a big brick house and keep the spirit of college life alive. Peter works a "real" job as a legal assistant at the law firm of Squire, Sanders and Dempsey and continues to write and record music with Hanson. Their Wooster-born band, Buffalino (Vinnie Rotondaro '06, Cory Becker '04, **Russ Fink**, Peter, and Nick), released its first album, *The Thunder Cracks Above*, in January on their own record label/production company, The Silos in Ohio Collective. For info, contact <TheBuffalinoBand@yahoo.com> or <PeterAndrewKing@yahoo.com>.

On a recent trip to Chicago, Peter and Nick met up with **Katie Hammond**, **Margaret Stigler**, **Bob Fuller**, and Mary Sabo, Karl Schmid, and Eric Ferguson, '02s, for general revelry (including, but not limited to, a Motown dance-a-thon).

**Julie Gruber** serves with Americorps VISTA at a refugee resettlement office in Raleigh, NC. She enjoys working with people from around the world and living in Raleigh. Reach her at <juliegruber@yahoo.com>.

**Jeff Binder** works with Gilmour Academy in Cleveland, assisting the dean of students and the director of the upper and middle schools. Contact Jeff by e-mail, at <jeffreyalanbinder@yahoo.com>.

In March I (**Marta**) traveled to the San Francisco area. I caught up with **Rich** and Becky Richmond '04 **Poole** and their adorable son, Austin. Rich completed his first year at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Send him e-mail at <richpooley@hotmail.com>. Also there were Elaine Morgan '04 and Andrew Bishop '05.

**Rebecca Stinson** is spending 10 months with an Americorps program, City Year, in Washington, DC. She mentors inner-city children and helps organize volunteer service days to improve the public schools. She lives in Arlington, VA, and plans to hike the Appalachian Trail next spring. Reach her by e-mail at <BeccaStinson@yahoo.com>.

Note the new addresses for **Kendra**.

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**2004 Danny George** was elected class president, and **Sarah Siebert** is secretary. Send her news for this column! **SARAH SIEBERT**, 7632 Clark St., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138, <ssiebert@wooster.edu>.

## Births & Adoptions

'02 To **Stefine Pitzer** and Dan Shortridge '01, a daughter, Hadassah Rose Shortridge-Pitzer, June 24, 2004  
'93 To **Peter** and Elizabeth Murray '95 **Hourigan**, a daughter,



**'49 Robert W. Frazier**, Franklin, TN, May 26, 2003. A member of Fourth Section, the College orchestra, and choir, Robert majored in music. From 1950-52 he served with the U.S. Army in Japan and Korea as a chaplain's assistant. Robert earned a master's from Westminster Choir College in 1954 and was director of music ministries with Presbyterian churches in Chicago, Bartlesville, OK, and Pittsburgh, PA. Upon leaving his last position at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines, NC, he was named minister of music, emeritus.

Robert's ministry encompassed choral and instrumental conducting, administration, composition, education, organ, piano, handbells, singing, and theology. His accomplishments ranged from ministering in the inner city to performing masterworks with major orchestras. He successfully worked with all ages and abilities, achieving a beautiful tone with untrained volunteer choirs. Robert's devotion and gentle ways inspired many others, including his three children, to pursue music.

A brother died previously. His wife of 48 years, Angelene, a daughter, Cathryn Frazier-Neely '78, two sons, including Mark '81, four grandchildren, and a brother survive.

**'49 David L. McAninch**, Glendale, CA, Feb. 29, 2004, after an aortic aneurysm. A member of Seventh Section, David majored in chemistry and served in the U.S. Army in WWII. In 1953 he earned an M.D. from the U of Pittsburgh; he moved to California two years later. David served in private practice and on the staffs of two Glendale hospitals for almost 50 years as an ob/gyn, delivering more than 6,000 babies. His patients remember him as caring and devoted. In 1967 David volunteered in Vietnam with an AMA program. He enjoyed biking and skiing. His wife, Georgia, a daughter, three sons, 10 grandchildren, and a sister survive.

**'48 George A. Clyde**, Melbourne, FL, formerly of Glastonbury, CT, Mar. 16, 2004, after a head injury. President of First Section and

founding member of the Flying Scots, George majored in political science. He served in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and then began working in the insurance business in Cleveland. George joined Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance in Connecticut, where he later became the vice president for personal insurance.

In Connecticut George served on the Town Council and the prison association. He helped organize and presided over the New England Air Museum, now one of the largest on the East Coast. In Florida he sang in a barbershop group and helped start a group to aid mentally ill children. A deacon and trustee, he belonged to Pineda Presbyterian Church. His wife, Claire Laflamme Clyde, a daughter, three stepdaughters, four grandchildren, and a brother, David '50, survive.

**'48 Sally Goehler Hoffman**, Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 2, 2003. Sally belonged to Peanuts and the French and Sociology Clubs and majored in sociology. In 1954 she married Norman Hoffman. Sally worked for Allegheny Steel, retiring in 1993. She served as a PTA officer, assisted with the Girl Scouts, volunteered for the local public TV station, and hosted the Three Rivers Art Festival. She belonged to Hiland Presbyterian Church. Two daughters, a son, a sister, and two grandchildren survive. Her husband died previously.

**x'47 Rita McEntegart Pratt**, St. Petersburg, FL, Mar. 5, 2003. After leaving Wooster, Rita worked as a chemist for Chas. Bacon in NYC. In 1950 she married B. F. McNeil. He died in the Korean War. Rita and her second husband, Sam Elliott, had two sons and two daughters. Rita taught crafts and sewing at the local YWCA and at Sears. She also volunteered with scouts, the Science Center Guild, the Woman's Service League, and several other groups. In 1989 Rita was honored as an outstanding local volunteer. After Sam's death in 1984, she remarried twice: husbands Howard Sullivan and Robert J. Pratt died previously.

**x'46 Jean P. Solmes Upson**, Batavia, NY, Jan. 30, 2004. Jean

belonged to First Presbyterian Church and founded and presided over the Genesee County Republican Women's Committee. She also managed the local office of Congressional Representative Barber B. Conable Jr. for 20 years. Her husband of 57 years, Richard, a daughter, three sons, and four grandchildren survive.

**'46 Marjorie Steltzer Wyand**, Alliance, Ohio, Feb. 28, 2004. A speech and sociology major, Marjorie taught speech and drama in Alliance after graduation. She later taught social studies in the Canton City Schools, retiring after 32 years. In 1951 she married Gene Wyand. Marjorie belonged to First Christian Church and the Alliance Women's Club, served on the board of Alcoholism Services, and volunteered with other groups, including the Canton Players Guild. Her husband, two daughters, and a granddaughter survive.

**x'45 Calvin Beck Hearne**, Wilmington, DE, Feb. 18, 2004. A member of the Men's Glee Club and Ninth Section, Calvin studied biology and chemistry during his three years at Wooster. He earned an M.D. from the U of Maryland in 1947. He was a WWII veteran and an Air Force medical officer during the Korean War.

Calvin was a pediatrician in private practice and director of pediatrics at Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. He was vice-president and president of the medical staff at the Wilmington Medical Center and later on the board of that facility's successor, Christiana Care. Calvin held offices in local and state medical associations and received several awards. He enjoyed traveling and gardening.

His wife of 53 years, Joyce Fackler Hearne, survives, in addition to three daughters, including Suzanne x'73 and Barbara x'75, and a grandson. Two brothers, including Paul '42, died previously.

**x'41 Elizabeth Chapman Isaacs**, Winter Park, FL, Aug. 4, 2001. Beth earned a B.A. and M.A. at Wayne State U and bachelor's and

master's degrees at Northern Theological and McCormick Theological Seminaries. She served as a minister in Methodist churches in Michigan. Beth had a son and a daughter.

**'41 William C. Woodland**, Marietta, Ohio, formerly of Vienna, WV, Dec. 11, 2003. A member of choir and the Glee and Chemistry Clubs, Bill majored in chemistry. In 1944 he married Betty Jean Ekin. He earned a master's and a D.Sc. from the Carnegie Institute. After teaching at Carnegie and New York U, Bill joined the DuPont Co. in research and development. He retired in 1984 as a senior research chemist after 33 years with DuPont.

He was an elder and former clerk of session of First Presbyterian Church of Parkersburg. Bill also belonged to the Masonic Order and the Elks. His wife, two sons, daughter Anne Woodland McComas x'74, eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild survive. Sisters Margaret '30 and Dorothy '29 died previously.

**'40 Ruth L. Bishop**, Alhambra, CA, Feb. 18, 2004. A member of the Dramatic Society and Sociology Club, Ruth majored in sociology. She taught in the Los Angeles area for many years, specializing in reading. In retirement she served as a consultant on international teacher exchange with the Los Angeles Community College District. She also was a trustee of her Baptist church and traveled widely. Ruth had served as secretary of a local alumni group.

**'40 Samuel Lowry Hood**, Greenville, SC, Jan. 5, 2004. Sam belonged to the International, Math, and Chemistry Clubs at Wooster, where he majored in chemistry and math. He completed graduate work at Ohio State U and served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Sam then earned a Ph.D. at Cornell U. He married Mella Martin in 1950 and worked as a research chemist with the Charles F. Kettering Laboratory in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

In 1963 he joined the International Chemical and Nuclear Corp. in Pittsburgh, PA. He also taught biology and environmental science



at California U of Pennsylvania. A South Carolina resident since 1984, he belonged to the Roper Mountain Science Center, Audubon Society, Sierra Club, and other nature groups. His wife, daughter, and two grandchildren survive.

**'40 James G. Macaulay,**

Seven Lakes, NC, Feb. 10, 2004. Jim belonged to the Congressional Club, Men's Student Government Association, and Fifth Section and majored in biology and chemistry. He earned an M.D. from Western Reserve U. In 1943 Jim married Fran Rohrabach '40. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and established a family medical practice in Ashtabula, Ohio, where he and Fran lived for 35 years.

In 1977, upon closing the practice, they moved to North Carolina. Jim continued to practice medicine until his retirement. He loved reading, golf, and bridge and participated in local theater. Fran died previously, as did Jim's two sisters. Four sons, including James Jr. '67, two daughters, 18 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive.

**x'40 John E. Smucker,**

Sun City Center, FL, formerly of Mansfield, Ohio, Jan. 24, 2004. John graduated from Ohio State U. A master of photography, he opened a studio in 1948 in Mansfield and eventually had branches in Wooster and Mt. Vernon. He later focused on a portrait gallery in Mansfield. John was vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Mansfield Retail Merchants Association. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and belonged to Rotary. His wife, Mildred Hart Smucker, two sons, including Craig '74, a daughter, a brother, James '44, six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild survive. A sister, Mary Emily Smucker Hulburt '42, died previously.

**'40 Roberta Proctor Sullivan,**

Dallas TX, Oct. 11, 2003. "Bobbie" belonged to the Women's Athletic Association, Psychology and French Clubs, and Sphinx and majored in psychology. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Wooster, she earned a master's at Kent State U

and began a 30-year teaching career in Boardman, Ohio. Bobbie was an advocate of women's athletics and instrumental in their advancement in the Boardman schools. In 1997 she was inducted into the Boardman Booster Club's Hall of Fame for her achievements as well as her support of women athletes and teachers.

Bobbie retired to North Carolina, where she founded a senior citizen's aerobics group and taught three classes a week for over 15 years. She also started a dance-of-the-month club for seniors. Bobbie's husband, William J. Sullivan, died previously. Her daughter, son, three grandchildren, and a brother survive.

**'39 James S. Echlin,**

Lecanto, FL, Dec. 22, 2003. James majored in political science and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a retired purchasing agent for Tidewater Construction in Norfolk, VA. His son, three daughters, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren survive.

**'39 Clarence A. Rickey,**

Poway, CA, Oct. 8, 2003. Clarence majored in economics at the College and was business manager for *The Voice*. He joined the Goodyear Corp. in Akron, Ohio, after graduation. During WWII Clarence served in the U.S. Air Force as a captain. In 1947 he assumed a managerial position at the Goodyear plant in New Bedford, MA. He came back to Ohio for a year in 1951 but then returned to and resided in South Dartmouth, MA, working for Goodyear until he retired in 1968.

Clarence then moved to Vero Beach, FL. He served as class secretary in the 1980s and spent the last six years in California. His daughter, Deborah Rickey Baehrens '73, and three grandchildren survive.

**x'39 Roger M. Wells,**

Lake George, NY, Mar. 25, 2004. Roger belonged to Fifth Section, waited tables in Kenarden, and ran an ice cream concession with Don Mills '39 at basketball games. In 1943 he married C. Monica O'Brien. He served in WWII and later worked for the Veteran's Association and was active in the American Legion and

D.A.V. Roger was a rent administrator with the New York State housing division. In 1993 he published *A G.I. Reflects on World War II...and Some Other Things*. He loved boating and fishing. Roger's wife died previously. Four sons, three daughters, and several grandchildren survive.

**'38 William R. Arthur,**

Nashville, TN, Dec. 4, 2003. In 1939 Bill married Grace Hanna '38. He spent his career as a YMCA director in Madison, NJ, and retired to Oregon. Grace and Bill lived there until 1994, when they moved back to their Pennsylvania roots. The couple recently relocated to Nashville, near their son. Bill's wife, a son, a daughter, and six grandchildren survive.

**'38 F. Emerson Logee,**

Wooster, Jan. 17, 2004. Emerson played varsity football and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a political science major. He also attended Jamestown College. Emerson was an intern in the U.S. Department of Justice and then joined the College admissions office as assistant director. In 1940 he became the first appointed federal probation officer in Cleveland. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.

Emerson earned a J.D. from Cleveland Marshall Law School in 1947 and moved back to Wooster, where he was a distinguished lawyer for 40 years. He became the city's mayor in 1950 and later had several terms as city solicitor. Emerson served on the board of Peoples Federal Savings and Loan and Wooster Hospital, among other agencies, and as president of the local Kiwanis. Most recently, he was on the boards of the Western Reserve Mutual Casualty and Lightning Rod Mutual Insurance Companies.

His wife, Bonnie Butler Logee, two daughters, including Marcia Logee Blum x'64, two sons, 14 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, and two sisters, Marcia Logee Esterly x'42 and Mary Lu Logee Buck '54, survive. Emerson's first wife, Barbara Williamson Logee '38, died in 1977.

**'38 H. Arthur Muller,** Duarte, CA, Dec. 9, 2003. Born in Iran to Presbyterian missionaries, Art spent

much of his adult life there, in the mission field. At Wooster he sang in the choir and the Men's Glee Club and belonged to Student Volunteers, a mission group. Art spent a year in Iran as a short-term missionary before beginning graduate school in physics. But he felt called to the ministry. He spent a semester at Biblical Seminary in New York City and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with an M.Div. and a Th.M.

In 1944, after being ordained as a Presbyterian minister, he married Elizabeth Carpenter, and they left to serve as missionaries in Iran. They spent five years in Hamadan, then more than 20 years in Tehran, and finally worked in Abadan. In 1978, diagnosed with a neurological condition, Art retired early. The Mullers moved to Westminster Gardens in Duarte.

An accomplished flutist, Art appreciated music — singing, playing, listening. He also enjoyed swimming and tennis, as well as writing and reading letters. A colleague described him as "a man of integrity," who demonstrated "an interest in the lives of people and a healthy use of humor." Art's wife, their four daughters, including Jean Muller Stacy '68 and Susan Muller Cave '76, three grandchildren, and a brother, Ernest '44, survive.

**'37 James Scotland Jr.,**

Kennett Square, PA, Feb. 28, 2004. Jim majored in Greek and history, played football for the Scots, and belonged to the classical studies honorary. He married Jeane Oetzel '39 in 1939 and the next year completed a bachelor of divinity at Auburn Theological Seminary. He was a Presbyterian minister for over 40 years, serving in Venezuela from 1941-51.

He ministered to congregations in Wolcott, NY; Roxbury, MA; and Bedford, NH. In 1976 Jim was a guest at the White House ceremony to receive Queen Elizabeth. In retirement he served as the chaplain at Oxford Manor retirement center. A distinguished Eagle Scout, Jim also enjoyed reading. He served a term as Wooster class secretary. Three daughters, including Elizabeth



Scotland Albano '65 and Jeanette '66, two sons, John '77 and James x'72, and several grandchildren, including James Albano x'92, survive. His wife died in 1995.

**'37 Lawson W. Stoneburner**, Greenville, SC, Mar. 4, 2004. He was the son of long-time Wooster education professor and his wife, Whitney E. and Edna Stauffer Stoneburner. Lawson belonged to the Physics and Men's Glee Clubs and Third Section, played football, and swam on the intramural team. He majored in chemistry and biology and earned an M.S. and M.D. from Ohio State U in 1939 and 1943. In 1943 he married Louise Dinger. During WWII he served as a U.S. Army captain.

After the war and Lawson's residencies, the couple settled in Greenville where Lawson was on the surgical staff of Greenville Memorial and St. Francis Hospitals. He was board-certified in surgery and a member of the American College of Surgeons. After retiring from private practice, Lawson founded the Greenville Free Medical Clinic and worked for 15 years as its volunteer medical director. The clinic was later named in his honor, and he won several professional and community awards.

A 50-year member of the county medical society, he once served as its president. He also presided over the state surgical society, Greenville Hospital System's medical staff, and several other entities. The College awarded Lawson the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2003. His wife, two sons, brothers Roger '44 and Wesley '37 (Lawson's twin), and four grandchildren survive.

**'36 Joseph Riggs Dunlap**, New York, NY, Mar. 1, 2004. A member of Third Section and the International Club, Joe majored in English. He earned a B.S. in library service (1937), an M.A. in history (1942), and a D.L.S. (1972), all at Columbia U. Joe served as a medic in the U.S. Army from 1943-46 and was on the staff of the City College of New York library for almost 40 years. He was a leading scholar, writer, and lecturer on William Morris.

Joe was an officer in several aca-

demic societies, such as the Kipling and William Morris Societies and the American Printing History Association. For the College he served as class co-secretary, conducted several seminars on book arts on campus, and was secretary of the New York Wooster Club. His wife of 34 years, Barbara Wood Dunlap, and their two sons survive. Two sons by his first wife, Leonie Coan, including Bryan '66, also survive, in addition to two grandchildren and three siblings, including David Logan '35 and Robert Weyer '42.

**'35 Robert Camp Fuhrman**, Feb. 8, 2004, Ann Arbor, MI. Bob played the flute and piccolo and in high school had the chance to perform "The Stars and Stripes Forever" under the direction of John Phillip Sousa. He played baseball at Wooster and participated in the band and Seventh Section. He married Mary Elizabeth Kephart in 1940.

Bob worked as a chemical engineer in Milwaukee while also playing minor league baseball. He retired from National Seal, Federal Mogul Division, in Ann Arbor in 1978. He loved to play golf and bridge and was an avid gardener. Bob belonged to First United Methodist Church. Two sons, two daughters, a sister, Maryan Fuhrman Smith '38, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren survive. Mary died previously. The family asks that memorials be made to the Office of Development at the College.

**'35 Margaret "Midge" L. Hauenstein**, Wooster, Jan. 21, 2004. Margaret majored in psychology and sociology and graduated with distinction, Phi Beta Kappa. She participated in Pembroke Literary Society, the Psychology, Sociology, and International Clubs, and Women's Self-Government. She worked on *The Voice* all four years, breaking the gender barrier as editor her senior year. Margaret earned a B.S. in library science in 1938 from Western Reserve U and began her career as a librarian in the Wooster City Schools.

After further study at the U of Chicago, she returned to Ohio and served at the Cleveland Public

Library. She worked in general reference, then in the philosophy, psychology, and religion departments before heading the Stevenson Room for Young People. A severe hearing loss threatened her career, but she learned to live with the problem and became branch librarian of the Berea Public Library.

In 1968 Midge became the director of the Wayne County Public Library. She retired in 1980 and traveled widely. She belonged to Quota, the Wayne County Historical Society, Trinity United Church of Christ, and professional groups. She enjoyed playing bridge with her many friends. A cousin survives.

**x'35 Adam D. Minnigh**, Franklin, PA, Dec. 1, 2003. At Wooster he sang in the choir. In 1936 he married Lois Spackman. Adam was one of the first social workers for the state relief program and one of the first highway department employees in Pennsylvania. He then worked for Joy Mining Machinery and retired from Pennzoil Refining Co. Adam taught Sunday school and was a trustee at the First United Methodist Church and was very involved in scouting. He strongly supported the arts in Franklin and in Chautauqua, NY, where he maintained another residence. His wife of 67 years, Lois Spackman Minnigh, a son, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive. Two sisters died previously.

**'35 Anne Lewis Winn**, Harrisonburg, VA, Apr. 17, 2003. She died in Pennsylvania while visiting her daughter. She majored in biology and belonged to the International Club at Wooster. Anne took two years of nurse's training at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, completed an M.R.E. at New York U, and studied teaching English as a second language at Columbia U.

She married Paul Winn in 1937. They spent more than 23 years in Japan and time in China, Guatemala, and Colombia as Presbyterian missionaries. Anne assumed many duties, including nursing, teaching English and music, publishing a literacy magazine, and organizing church women. They experienced

revolutions, and Paul was even in a concentration camp.

The couple retired to the Lewis family home in Pennsylvania and then moved to Virginia, close to family. Anne enjoyed sewing, cooking, skiing, and playing tennis. She was active in her church and retirement community. Four children, including Elizabeth Winn Meyer '60, seven grandchildren, and a great-grandchild survive. Paul died in 1998.

**'34 Katharine Grace Ahrens**, Kansas City, KS, Oct. 15, 2003. She played field hockey and belonged to Student Volunteers, a mission group, at Wooster. Katharine attended divinity school at the U of Chicago and followed the family tradition of overseas mission work in India. She taught at Forman Christian College in Lahore and at Woodstock School in Mussoorie. Upon returning to the U.S., Katherine worked as a Sunday school missionary in St. Louis, MO. She later taught fourth grade in Kansas City while caring for her parents. She enjoyed gardening. Two brothers, James '41 and John '35, and a sister, Fredericka Ahrens Cobren '37, survive.

**'34 Joseph Sanborn Allen**, Alexandria, VA, Jan. 8, 2004. Joe majored in Greek and Latin, belonged to Pieces of Eight, an informal social club, and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He earned an M.L.S. from the U of Michigan and became a librarian at the Library of Congress.

Joe had an unusual hobby — photographing courthouses and capitol buildings. He eventually donated his extensive slide collection, representing 27 states, to the Library of Congress, whose Historical American Building Survey had inspired this endeavor. Joe married Virginia Sommer in 1945; she died in 1958. In 1964 he married Grace Hildebrand. The two loved to travel. Grace and a favorite cousin of Joe's, Barbara Ann Hammersley, survive.

**'34 Ruth E. Balentine Foight**, Monroeville, PA, Dec. 9, 2003. Ruth belonged to Pyramids at Wooster, where she majored in English and French. She taught at her high school alma mater in West Newton,



PA. In 1940 she married John G. Foight III, and they moved to Murrsville, PA. Ruth volunteered at the community library for 48 years and was a charter member and the first treasurer for both the local AAUW and women's club. Her husband died previously. A son, a daughter, three grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter survive.

**x'34 Louise Straub Tannehill**, Wadsworth, Ohio, Feb. 12, 2004. Louise was a bookkeeper at retail stores after leaving the College. She belonged to Trinity United Church of Christ and Order of the Eastern Star, played bridge and golf, and delivered Meals on Wheels. Two daughters, including Joan L. Holt x'55, two sons, including Ted N. x'57, 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a twin sister, Blanche Straub Halderman x'34, and a brother survive. Her husband, John, and a grandson died previously.

**'33 Edwin "Ted" E. Brinkerhoff**, Massillon, Ohio, Feb. 12, 2004. Ted married Gertrude Gerhart. He was an engineer with Republic Steel, the company's Foreman's Club secretary/treasurer for 22 years, and a member of its local speakers' bureau. He retired as Republic Steel's district combustion engineer. Ted served on the national board of the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers and belonged to First United Methodist Church. His wife, three daughters, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren survive.

**'33 Pearl D. Lewton**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Dec. 10, 2003. At Wooster Pearl played basketball and deck tennis, pursued archery, and swam, all on class teams (the only venue then available for women). She majored in history. From 1938-41 she taught English in the American College for Girls in Cairo, Egypt. After returning to the U.S., Pearl taught in the Mayfield (Ohio) City School district for 32 years. In 1958 she earned an M.A. from Western Reserve U. In 1964 she was chosen as a Jennings Scholar. After retiring, Pearl pursued travel, photography, and genealogy until failing eyesight led her to move to a retirement community.

**'33 G. Bernard Wareham**, Accokeek, MD, Oct. 7, 2003. With a major in physics, Bernie taught physics and mathematics in Ohio schools while earning a master's in public school administration at Ohio State U and serving as superintendent of the Chester Township schools in Geauga County. In 1936 he married Rosalie Adams. From 1943-46, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. After WWII, he continued to do research and development work in the U.S. Department of Defense in Washington, DC.

Retiring from the government in 1970, he became the executive director of the Alice Ferguson Foundation in Accokeek. Using farmland to teach environmental education to elementary school children presented a challenge, but Bernie found this most rewarding. After retiring in 1979, he still volunteered with the foundation and other civic groups. Two sons and a daughter, Nancy '60, survive. His wife died previously.

**'32 Marcella Rankin Crichton**, Milwaukee, WI, Nov. 12, 2001. Marcella sang in the Glee Club and choir and majored in French. She worked as a cashier and bookkeeper for Central Ohio Power in Wooster for four years after graduation. In 1937 she married Arthur Crichton; the couple had two sons and a daughter. They enjoyed traveling and camping. Marcella volunteered for Meals on Wheels and hosted an AFS exchange student, among other activities. Arthur died in 1995.

**'32 Ralph E. Liske**, Stow, Ohio, Feb. 6, 2004. Ralph majored in history, edited *The Voice*, ran cross country, belonged to the Congressional Club, and graduated with honors. He worked for American Felso Co. in New England and served in the U.S. Army in WWII. He completed graduate work in psychology at Oberlin and earned a Ph.D. from Western Reserve U. Ralph worked for BFGoodrich, was associated with both Kent State U and Case Western Reserve Medical School, and then worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Brecksville, retiring in 1976. He participated in several professional associations and the

American Field Service program. Ralph was an avid swimmer and gardener, famous for his raspberries. He volunteered extensively.

A master with words, debater, and editor, Ralph taught a popular class, *Sleep and Dreams*, at Kent State U Experimental College in retirement. He and his wife, Louise McBroom Liske '33, helped start the Kent Friends Meeting and hosted meetings in their home for many years. Louise, a son, and a grandson, Taylor '91, died previously. Two sons, including Kurt '61, a daughter, Anne '76, five grandchildren, and four great-granddaughters survive. The family asks that contributions be made to the College.

**'31 Margaret Barr Longbrake**, Thornton, CO, Feb. 24, 2004. Peggy majored in English, sang in the choir and Women's Glee Club, and participated in debating and the YWCA. She taught English in a girls' school in Japan until 1934. The next year she married William Longbrake '31. Peggy volunteered in her children's activities, such as Scouts, and served on the YWCA board and the Governor's Commission on Migrants in Wisconsin. She also volunteered in the Presbyterian church: teaching and lecturing, doing women's association work, and being an officer in presbyterial and synodical.

Peggy and Bill enjoyed traveling and camping. She also liked to read and crochet. Bill died previously. Surviving are two sons, including College Trustee William '65; daughters Margaret Longbrake Harter '58

and Julia x'68; Peggy's sister, Esther Barr McCracken '33; 11 grandchildren, including Derek '96; and three great-grandchildren. Several other relatives have family connections to the College.

**x'28 Robert H. Bigler**, Haslett, MI, Jan. 23, 2004. Bob earned a B.S. from Ohio State U. In 1939 he married Esther Bullard. He moved to Flint, MI, and worked for AC General Motors as a physicist and product engineer, retiring in 1970. An active member of Court Street United Methodist Church, Bob volunteered with the Boy Scouts and a soup kitchen. His wife and sisters Gladys and Bessie, '25s, died previously. Surviving are three daughters, a son, 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

**x'27 Irene King Parker**, Hartford, CT, Jan. 24, 2004. Irene commuted to the College from Madisonburg on the Interurban trolley. She began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse and later moved to a school in Doylestown. Irene married Walter Parker in 1933; they moved to Parma. She participated in library book discussion groups for nearly 50 years and did crossword puzzles — in ink — until last year. Seven years ago, she moved to Connecticut to be closer to her family. Surviving are two sons, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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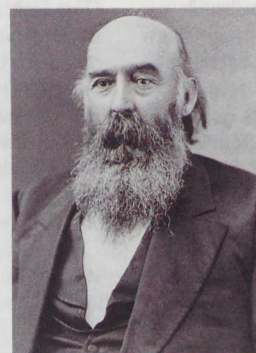
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Horace Mateer at his desk in Scovel Hall, left. Mateer joined Wooster's biology department in 1887. Accounts say he kept a skull identified as Nat Turner's, the famed leader of a slave uprising, in a glass case in Scovel. Dr. Leander Firestone, right, dean of the medical school at Wooster, acquired the skull in 1866, reports say.

## The Confusions of Nat Turner

WOOSTER'S FIRST museum, located in a single room in Old Main, was an eclectic affair, firmly in the tradition of the 18th century "cabinet of curiosities." Its early holdings included the vertebrae and ribs of a whale, a collection of Pawnee Indian relics, mineralogical specimens from the Himalayas, and a pelican nicknamed "Old Cram" by the students.

But the most curious artifact of all was a human skull, purported to be that of Nat Turner, leader of an 1831 slave rebellion in Southampton County, Virginia.

In 1866 the skull, along with a letter of authentication signed by Dr. James R. Parker of Jerusalem, Virginia, came into the possession of Dr. Leander Firestone. A local physician, Firestone was a member of Wooster's board of trustees and later dean of the then-University of Wooster's medical department.

According to *The Wayne County Democrat*, the skull was kept in Firestone's office for several years, "where it was regarded as a rare object lesson by his medical students, to view the phrenological skull developments of a man who had

made his indelible mark in the annals of Virginia during the old slavery days."

At some point, the skull was moved to the museum in Old Main, where it remained until the fire that destroyed the building on Dec. 11, 1901. On the following day, a student found the skull amidst the debris, some yards from the still-smoldering walls. It was apparently untouched by the flames. Possibly it was rescued by one of the students who rushed into the building in the fire's first moments to save what they could.

In August 1902, *The Wayne County Democrat* reported that a visiting civil engineer named Joshua Herring was shown both the skull and the letter of authentication in the downtown medical office of Dr. H. N. Mateer, professor of biology at the College. (The article does not explain how the letter also survived the fire.) After that, the record falls silent. There is no further mention of the skull in the College's archives.

Kenneth Greenberg, a history professor at Suffolk University in Boston who has written about Turner, found a refer-

ence to Wooster among author William Styron's papers. After Styron published *The Confessions of Nat Turner* in 1967, he received a letter from a dentist who said he remembered visiting the biology building at the College as a boy and seeing a skull with a label that identified it as Turner's in a glass case.

What became of that skull? And was it, indeed, Turner's?

In October 2002, Richard Hatcher, former mayor of Gary, Indiana, announced that he had acquired Turner's skull from a family in Elkhart, Indiana, for display in a planned National Civil Rights Hall of Fame. Hatcher said the skull had been handed down in one family for generations, after they received it from the family of a physician who attended to Turner's body after his execution in Virginia.

Bruce Turner, the great-great-great-grandson of Nat Turner, is skeptical of the stories. "There is no proof that Nat ever left Southampton County," he told *Indianapolis Monthly* last year. "Not when he was alive, and not when he was dead."

— John Hopkins



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